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Dear Mr. Bezos,

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you that third-party sellers are using your website to sell offensive shirts and sweatshirts with the slogans "BULLETPROOF," "Black Lives Matter," as well as the urban myth of "Hands Up, Don't Shoot." Indeed, some of these items are available using the Amazon Prime membership benefit. I write to urge you to prohibit the use of the Amazon name and website for the retail sale of these products.

You have built a company that demonstrates the reality of the American dream and your philanthropic work is well known in our country and internationally. Because I believe you share the FOP's goal of increasing the bonds of trust between the men and women of law enforcement and the communities they serve, I wanted to let you know that my members are very upset that you and Amazon are complicit in the sale of this offensive merchandise. I understand that these are third party sales, but Amazon does have the ability to prohibit the sale of products which are offensive to the public and which may damage your company's good name amongst FOP members and other active and retired law enforcement officers.

In a time at which we hope for peace on Earth and goodwill toward men, I am saddened to learn that these third party sellers are making money by exploiting the racial divisions in our country—divisions that the FOP is working hard to heal at the local, State and national level. Commercializing our differences and perpetuating the myths which harm the relationship between the protectors and their communities is wrong at any time of year, but it is especially egregious now. This should be a time for joy and no family who has lost a son or daughter, whether in the line of duty or in a tragic event, should have their pain turned into someone else's profit.

I know our request that you disassociate the company from these products will be seriously considered. If I can provide any further information to you about this matter or our members' perspective, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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