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## **Congressional Staff Briefing on De-Escalation Intervention Training**

**WASHINGTON** – On Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Black Women for Positive Change in collaboration with Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI) will hold a De-Escalation Congressional Staff Briefing on Capitol Hill. The briefing will convene with a panel discussion at the Rayburn House Building, room 2168, from 8:30am – 10:00am. Moderated by Michelle Bernard of MSNBC, a panel of community leaders will discuss the concept of a *National De-Escalation of Violence and Community Safety Training Act*.

De-Escalation is a methodology to reduce the escalation of conflict. By managing the intensity of a potentially dangerous situation, the threat of violence can be reduced. Such conflict resolution strategies can be applied to police relations in the community. Other populations that would benefit from de-escalation training include but are not limited to schools, hospitals, customer service industries and mental health professionals.

“We invite everyone to mobilize and attend this important discussion. We must find new and innovative ways to de-escalate violence in potentially dangerous situations,” remarks Dr. Stephanie Myers, Co-Chair of Black Women for Positive Change.