



### Statement Opposing Police Brutality and Racism

Black. Lives. Matter. In the past week, we have seen the result of police brutality and oppression of Black people in America. We stand in solidarity with the families and people impacted by the murders of GEORGE FLOYD, BREONNA TAYLOR, AHMAUD ARBERY, and the countless other names we do not know. George Floyd was murdered by a police officer who pinned him down while he begged for his life whispering the words “I can’t breathe...” Ahmaud Arbery was murdered while jogging. Breonna Taylor was shot eight times by police officers who entered her home while she was sleeping. Enough is enough.

These recent incidents of unjustified violence and racism against Black people continue to plague our country. For centuries Black Americans have continued to face racism, systemic inequality, and oppression when living through our everyday lives. As Black people we are hurt, tired, and outraged. We stand against police brutality and racism. We will continue to advocate for Black people across the country and continue to promote change.

To our Black students and faculty: we are here for you. It is important to take care of your emotional, mental, and physical health during this difficult time.

To our allies: we call upon you to not be silent. Use your voice, platform, and network to speak out against racism. Speak out against police brutality. Speak out against systemic oppression. We urge you and your student organizations to show support for this movement. This is your call to action. As law students you are in a position to use your skills and voice to advocate against police brutality and racism. “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”- Desmond Tutu

Ways to get involved, show support, and donate:

- **George Floyd Memorial Fund**- official GoFundMe to support the Floyd family  
[GoFundMe.com/F/GeorgeFloyd](https://www.gofundme.com/F/GeorgeFloyd)
- **Black Visions Collective**- a Black, Trans, and Queer-led organization that is committed to dismantling systems of oppression and violence
- **Philadelphia Bail Fund**- a community bail fund based in Philadelphia
- **Minnesota Freedom Fund**- community based nonprofit that pays criminal bail and immigration bonds for individuals who have been arrested while protesting police brutality

After more than 400 years of oppression, we are still crying for freedom, liberty, and basic human rights. We are in an endless cycle of inequality, racism, and discrimination. We have continued to break the invisible shackles on our feet, fight for justice, and push for our rights. This cry, this fight, is being heard all around the world. We need justice for our people.

*“Either America will destroy ignorance or ignorance will destroy the United States.”*

— **W.E.B. DuBois**

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