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Dear Colleagues:

George Floyd's death has traumatized the nation and our community. Watching his final moments was deeply painful on so many levels, and I know that the pain has been particularly sharp for those who regularly suffer the indignities of racism, both explicit and implicit.

The Law School is working on various ways for our community to come together in the days and weeks ahead to process what has happened, to consider the role of lawyers and law schools in addressing and preventing these kinds of injustices, and to comfort those who are feeling especially hurt, angry, and scared.

For now, please know that the Law School stands hand-in-hand with all members of our community, particularly those of color, in the wake of this horrific event and in recognition of its larger, deeper, and longstanding causes. The issues at stake transcend what happened to Mr. Floyd and relate to numerous recent events, including those involving Christian Cooper and Breonna Taylor and countless others that receive much less media attention.

I sent a similar message to our students earlier today, and I look forward to working with them and all of you to help bring about real and meaningful change.

Standing with you,

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