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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS A NATION WHERE PEOPLE
ARE NOT UNITED BECAUSE OF THOSE THREE GLARING FRAILTIES:
RACISM, INJUSTICES, AND INEQUITIES.**

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From the COVID-19 pandemic we have witnessed global acts of humanity at its best. From the murder of George Floyd and the continued brutalization of African American communities, we see America at its worst. This is a time in America when we must rise to our highest good and lead together. Our hearts ache to witness the racist hate inflicted upon African Americans. Black America has led us, inspired us, and this country was built upon their backs. For those both past and present, equality and justice are far overdue.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of George Floyd for his brutal murder at the hands of Minneapolis police.

We stand in solidarity with Black communities who oppose police violence that disproportionately affects Black people.

We demand justice for George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade and the countless others who have suffered from attacks by vigilantes and those in law enforcement.

We call on Japanese Americans and all communities of color to vehemently oppose acts of anti-Blackness, racism, and white supremacy. The ongoing pattern of attacks and racial discrimination against Black communities must stop.

We pledge to work together with all communities of color to continue building the America that works for everyone. Now is our time to create change—together.



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