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To the Touro University California Community,

As representatives of **Touro University California Student Government Association**, we are devastated by the recent events of terror and racism inflicted on the Black community. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery and the inappropriately violent response of local and state law enforcement to protesters across the country show that the historical and systemic injustices, particularly institutional racism, against the Black community is an ongoing and serious issue that needs to be addressed. As current and future educators and health care workers, **we take a stance against all acts of racism and violence committed by law enforcement against George Floyd and countless other Black folks who have lost their lives to police brutality, and vow to commit ourselves to careers that work to dismantle these injustices.**

In these dark times, we adhere to the values of our university's commitment to social justice. One of Touro's core values emphasizes **a respect for the inherent value and dignity of each individual**. More than ever, **we understand the need to stand in solidarity and allyship with the Black community**.

To start off, **we encourage a dialogue in which we recognize our privilege and discomfort with the situation** so that we can begin to dismantle racism and bigotry in our own community. We want to be a community that provides a safe space for our students and faculty and **stands in support of all students who are fearful, lost, or hurting**. We want to lend an ear to our Touro and greater Solano County communities to hear the needs and better understand how we can support you.

As student leaders, we are choosing to participate in this narrative and invite all members of the Touro community to join us in support.

In Solidarity,

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