



The Honorable Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Chapter
National Black Law Students Association
University of South Carolina School of Law
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Dear UofSC Law School community,

The Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Chapter of the National Black Law Students Association at the University of South Carolina is deeply saddened by the tragic events that have taken place over the last few weeks. Our deepest condolences go out to the families and loved ones of Ms. Breonna Taylor, who was fatally shot by Louisville Metro Police Department officers in her apartment; Mr. Ahmaud Arbery, who was fatally shot while jogging; and Mr. George Floyd, who died as a result of a police officer kneeling on his neck, rendering him unable to breathe.

Unfortunately, racism and police brutality continue to plague the Black community causing individuals to feel oppressed, outraged, and unsafe in their own neighborhoods. In light of the most recent tragedy involving George Floyd, Black and Brown people and their supporters have taken to the streets of cities nationwide to protest in hopes that their public outcry will resonate across the world and ultimately lead to the eradication of racial injustices. These protests reflect years of pain and heartache and these communities are now demanding change.

As lawyers and aspiring legal practitioners, we must condemn racism and show that we stand united with Black and Brown people. We must not be afraid to voice our frustrations with the injustices that these communities face. We must pledge to support and show the utmost respect to all those who encompass the Black and Brown communities. Most importantly, we can no longer allow the cries of these communities to fall on deaf ears.

Though the tragic deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and many others are indelibly imprinted in the minds of many, we all have the opportunity to fix what has been broken. As the Black Law Students Association at the University of South Carolina, we ask that you stand in solidarity with your Black colleagues and the Black and Brown communities. We ask that you exercise your right to speak against racism and police brutality. These injustices must stop and the race pandemic must end.

With Love,

The 2020-2021 Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Chapter of the
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