

Dear UofSC Law Community:

The University of South Carolina Student Animal Legal Defense Fund stands in unison with our colleagues, The Matthew J. Perry Chapter of the Black Law Students Association at the University of South Carolina, in combatting the systemic racism that has plagued our society. We pledge to support and show the utmost respect to all those who encompass the Black and Brown communities. More importantly, we vow to no longer allow the cries of these communities to fall on deaf ears.

As representatives of the University of South Carolina School of Law, and aspiring legal practitioners, we have a civic duty to push for change within the legal profession and fix what has been broken. The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund pledges to exercise our right to speak against racism and police brutality. We stand in solidarity with our Black colleagues and the Black and Brown communities.

We mourn the lives of those lost and extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to their family and friends. We must remember their names; Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd. No longer can we allow their names and their stories to be forgotten. We urge our fellow colleagues to join us in putting an end to race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

In Unity,

The University of South Carolina Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

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