



STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

In Response to the Murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, & Countless More, Nationwide Protests for Justice & Systemic Change, and Black Lives Matter

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minnesota police officer, despite urgent and repeated pleas for aid from Mr. Floyd and bystanders.

Days after Mr. Floyd's death, nationwide protests have taken place and continue as protesters mourn and demand justice and systemic change. With profound grief, we acknowledge and recognize George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Charleena Lyles, Tony McDade, and the countless more killed by police brutality against the Black community. With shared outrage, we acknowledge and recognize the millions of people in our Black communities who have and continue to experience systemic violence and racialized oppression in our country.

We further recognize the ways that our legal system continues to play a disproportionate and systemic role in the continued violence against Black people, including via racial profiling and bias, false arrests and reports, excessive and deadly use of force, disproportionate sentencing, and mass incarceration.

In the past three months, we have heard the horrific stories of Black people killed in violent acts of racism. Outside a market. Home asleep. Jogging in a nearby neighborhood. This is a terrifying time, and worse, little has changed. We must demand accountability, justice, and genuine and meaningful change.

As an organization formed of individual community members, **we remember and mourn George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Charleena Lyles, Tony McDade, and the countless more killed before them.** As an organization dedicated to social justice and equity for all, **we denounce the systemic police brutality against the Black community.**

We stand in support of and solidarity with the Black community.

Black lives matter.

We can effect change together.

In solidarity,

Korean American Bar Association of Washington