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New York, NY – The Dominican Bar Association issues the following statement in response to the senseless killings of our black brothers and sisters.

“It is a real shame that in the midst of a global pandemic that has affected primarily people of color, yet again the country is facing a time where division and much uncertainty is prevalent. Although this is the most recent act of hate and vitriol against another black body – this act is nothing new to us. There are too many names to name, too many hashtags to claim, too many stories of black bodies continuously slain. We send our deepest condolences to the Floyd, Arbery, and Taylor families,” says Doralyn De Dios, President of the Dominican Bar Association.

The injustices committed by our country and the institutions designed to keep us safe, have shown time and time again that we have yet to overcome our Nation’s oldest disease: racism. George Floyd is another reminder, in a list of far too many, of the unwavering systemic hate that invades and destroys our communities. A hate that is fueled by racism and an institution built on inequality which is embedded in police brutality.

It is no secret that racism is *alive* and *well* across this Nation and across the globe.

It is imperative that we act and confront the issues derived from racism and hate. As such, the DBA empowers you to take a stance to build a better future so that hate crimes like the murder of George Floyd, Ahmad Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Mike Brown, Trayvon Martin, and so many others are not only vindicated, but prevented and no longer our Nation’s norm.

We implore you to take a stance and lift your voices during this call to action. We urge you to stand for what is right and defend the liberties and rights of all people. We ask that you advocate not just as lawyers, but as human beings for what is right and just.

In that same light, we want to remind you that we are here for you – to talk, to listen, to advocate, and to provide you with a safe space. Join us at our upcoming town halls and mental wellness events. Remember to cast your vote this month for the primary elections and donate to organizations supporting these important causes.

In Power and Peace,  
The Dominican Bar Association

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