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Dear Skin of Color Society Members, Colleagues, Friends and Supporters,

At this deeply painful and disturbing time for our nation and our world, our hearts are hurting with you. We stand together in solemn solidarity along with fellow Skin of Color Society members, our families, friends, patients, and colleagues in communities around the US and the world. We share in the public and private outrage and despair over the repugnant fact that, yet another human life was brutally taken once again, due to systemic racism based upon skin color.

As board-certified dermatologists devoted to changing the landscape for people of color, we must continue working together resolutely to speak out against racial injustices, address inequities in our society and work to change the vast disparities in healthcare impacting people of color. Let us lead by example and let our voices be heard in the pursuit of truth, justice, dignity, integrity, compassion and an all-abiding respect for each and every human life.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which as we know is disproportionately impacting and killing people of color at higher rates, let us encourage those who feel the pull to protest publicly to do so peacefully, safely, and with proper protection.

The need for unity, positive action and progress is greater now than ever before. We wholeheartedly reaffirm our mission as the Skin of Color Society, and we stand together with you to help change our world for the better for the sake of all humankind.

Respectfully yours,

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