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Dear COMD Community,

The events of the last six weeks have included protests, demonstrations, and actions across the country in response to the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and the many others before them. Many of us in our COMD and Los Angeles communities are hurting. We are reflecting on how we can do better, as individuals, as a Department, as Clinics, as Professionals in Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and related professions, and with our clinical partners. These recent events, along with a discussion of our current mission and values, have led the COMD faculty to conversations about the systemic racism and bias that continues in our society and the spaces where we live, learn, and work. We are committed to continue to listen, learn, and act to address these issues. In the Fall we will share new actions the department is deploying to mitigate inequities and move our communities and profession to a more inclusive and just place.

The COMD Department stands against racism and stands in solidarity with our Black colleagues, students, and community members along with all marginalized groups. The COMD Department condemns discrimination, hatred, and racial violence. We grieve the unnecessary deaths of people of color and the systematic racism leading to educational and health disparities present in our country.

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