

Dear Members of the Penn State Law and SIA Community,

I join President Barron in [expressing sadness and anger and recognizing the need for change](#) in response to the death of George Floyd and so many others. This occurs in the broader context of our country passing 100,000 COVID-19 deaths with disproportionate impact on communities of color. I know that there are many in our community who are hurting right now, and I encourage all of us to support each other and work together to address hatred and bias.

Law and policy are critical tools in that needed change, but also often fall short in stopping hate and bias. Our Penn State Law and SIA faculty, staff, and students are doing important work to address inequity and bridge access to justice gaps. I look forward to exploring with all of you additional opportunities to collaborate to make a difference. I am in the process of developing an initiative, in partnership with other leaders at Penn State and around the country, to bring together and build upon the many efforts to address COVID-19 and inequity.

These are incredibly challenging times. Please let us know any way we can be supportive.

Warmly,
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