Dear Upstander,

We are writing today to express our sadness and anger in response to the recent murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Police brutality perpetrated against the Black community has continued for far too long and this tragic event is just one moment in our country's long history of racist and discriminatory behavior. We understand that this event, and the subsequent days of unrest, weighs heavily on many members of our extended community.

In the midst of COVID-19 and widespread social unrest, the Tyler Clementi Foundation stands in solidarity with movements to end police violence and bring about racial justice. As an inclusive organization, we oppose all bullying, harassment, humiliation, and violence against marginalized groups, especially when people of color and intersectional LGBTQ+ people are disproportionately impacted. The Tyler Clementi Foundation firmly believes that Black Lives Matter.

This is the time for a change, let's not let this moment pass. We need #Upstanders now more than ever, and acts of kindness can go a long way during these difficult times. We hope that you are finding ways to demonstrate love, support, and acknowledgment of those who are particularly impacted by events like these so that our Nation can unite to bring about change. We have included below a shortlist of racial justice organizations and resources for parents. We encourage all our #Upstanders to get involved to help bring about widespread change. Finally, we wish you safety and strength in these difficult times.

In Solidarity,

The Tyler Clementi Foundation

Racial Justice Organizations and Resources for Parents
NAACP Legal Defense Fund
Campaign Zero
Communities United Against Police Brutality
Raising Race-Conscious Children
Yes! Magazine- Tips for White Parents Talking to Children about Police Brutality

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