We at the American Peptide Society condemn the racist violence and injustice toward Black citizens, and most recently the killing of George Floyd. We support racial justice and peaceful protests against racism in this country as well as the Black Lives Matter Movement. We recognize that our community of scientists is not immune to racial bias and more must be done. Our society will continue to pursue diversity, equity, and inclusion. The challenge going forward is to follow words with actions. I have asked the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to develop an action plan for the APS. We invite our members to participate in open discussions and increase awareness of these issues in order to strengthen our peptide scientific community.

Sincerely,

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