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To our members, fellow social workers and our communities,

NASW-SD is saddened and outraged by the events of the last two weeks and beyond. The degradation of African American citizens, the dismissal of the peoples' voice, and the disregard for the value of human life that are crippling our communities must be addressed. The murder of George Floyd and so many before him whose lives were taken because of the color of their skin is an unacceptable trend that we must all work together to put an end to.

As social workers we are duty bound to fight for the dignity and worth of all individuals, to act in service of all who are facing challenges in our communities, and to fight, as leaders, for social justice. We must, and will, stand with all of our human brothers and sisters in this fight.

NASW-SD is here to support, as always, the social workers that will work tirelessly for this cause. We are here to help educate, to help advocate, and to provide hope. We stand with you and with those who face this oppression, trauma and grief.

We will be offering a number of resources in the coming days to assist us all in this process of growth.

In solidarity and in the light of possibility,

NASW-SD