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Dear School Social Work Community,

It is with deepened concern and sadness that we write this letter in a time when our neighborhoods, communities, cities, states, and nation are suffering from the painful injustices of the senseless loss of life of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and so many other African American men and women.

While the American Council for School Social Work acknowledges we do not have all the answers, we do understand the current and historical trauma that permeates such tragedies and inequities. As we continue to strive for equality and justice, we are keenly aware that efforts towards preserving the social and moral fabric of this nation are challenging, and the ACSSW wholeheartedly supports education, dialogue, and action as the best laid plan.

We reach out to let you know that you are not alone in your angst, turmoil, and hope that someday we will get through this dark hour. We fully believe there is good in all of us as we strive to heal, to grow, to learn, and to teach.

As events continue to emerge and unfold, the ACSSW will keep you informed of our responses to such devastating conditions as we move, together, towards a better and just world.

Sincerely,
The American Council for School Social Work
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