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Brothers,

I want to start off by saying I love you all. I know these past few months have been extremely difficult for each of you. From the COVID-19 pandemic, online instruction, cancelled fraternity events, and our inability to send off our seniors, most of our lives have been flipped upside down. To make matters much worse, our brothers and sisters of color have been and continue to be victims of systemic oppression, racism, and other countless injustices. Recently, this has been blatantly evident in the senseless killings of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd.

It is heartbreaking. It is also heartbreaking that black mothers are more likely to die during pregnancy and childbirth. It is heartbreaking that black children have higher death rates from common diseases and illnesses. It is heartbreaking that black people experience higher prevalence of chronic stress because of the society we reside in. It is heartbreaking that our black citizens face countless other health disparities, injustices, and racism because of the color of their skin. This is not the reality I want for us.

I know I speak for all of you when I say that our experiences in college and in this fraternity have been made far better because of the diversity of our brothers. Today, approximately 50% of our fraternity members, including myself, are people of color. I am and always will be incredibly proud of this. Our diversity is what makes us stronger - not weaker. I wish the rest of the world knew this fact too.

I encourage all of you to support your brothers, their families, and the countless other Americans who suffer hardships in life simply because of the pigmentation of their skin. This Sunday, our philanthropy chairs led by Steven Pai, have organized an event in Charlotte, NC where we will be handing out water bottles, masks, and other supplies to those protesting the inequity in our country. I strongly encourage those of you who can make it to come.

I also want to assure you that our support for you is not limited to philanthropy events such as the one this upcoming Sunday. From today onwards, we will financially assist all of our current undergraduates with all peaceful protesting equipment including but not limited to – posters, masks, markers, gloves, and safety equipment. Furthermore, if any of you are injured, arrested, or experience any sort of difficulty while engaging in social justice activities, the executive board and I will take appropriate measures to assist you in any way possible. This fraternity and its members have always been there for one another and I assure you we will continue to do so – now and always.

Not four years but a lifetime,  
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