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## Statement from our President and CEO

During this unsettling time for our country, we all need to stand up for what is right. Since our nation was formed, brave Americans have given their lives for liberty and freedom. These are basic rights – human rights – that should be the fabric of our society. However, they have never been fully realized by all our citizens. Racism is wrong. We must do the right thing by calling it out when we see it and demanding accountability. Anyone who has served in our military will tell you that as Americans, we are all stronger together. We must find a way forward that guarantees equality for all.

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