

The Vietnamese-American Bar Association of Washington (VABAW) stands in solidarity with our Black brothers and sisters.

VABAW has deep sadness, anger, and grief over the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others in the Black community. As painful as this moment may be for all of us, we must address the inequities this incident and the COVID-19 pandemic have laid bare and the ugliness they have revealed. For some, the simple act of walking down the street, jogging, or bird watching can be dangerous or even deadly.

VABAW denounces the systemic racial and legal injustices that have led to the reality of police brutality against the Black community. We are committed as allies in addressing racism against the Black community and to have open and honest conversations with our coworkers, friends, families, and community, no matter how uncomfortable. These conversations are long overdue, and must continue for as long as needed to achieve meaningful action. VABAW will not remain silent on these issues; to remain silent is to reject the dignity of those who have died and will continue to die at the hands of racism and injustice. VABAW commits to ensure that Black lives matter, and to advocate for legal reform in memory of those who can no longer speak. May we never forget and be inspired into action to affect change.

In Support and Solidarity,

The Vietnamese-American Bar Association of Washington