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Hello everyone

My name is Sharon Applegate, Executive Director of DEAF, Inc.

It was horrible how George Floyd was murdered. This is not the first time this has happened to a Black man or woman. It has happened many times, repeatedly, over hundreds of years in our history.

This cannot continue. It will destroy humanity. It will destroy our community.

In these tough times, we at DEAF, Inc. extend our deepest condolences to all people of color, particularly Black men and women, boys and girls, directly impacted by police brutality. George Floyd and many others are victims who have lost their lives or whose lives are threatened because of the color of their skin.

We white people must do more! We can’t just post. We need to have dialogues and take action. We heard you.

As part of a diverse Deaf community nationwide, we must continue to work together to confront and prevent acts of hate and bias. DEAF, Inc. is committed to ensuring our services are inclusive to all. We are committed to addressing systemic, institutionalized oppression, discrimination, and racism in society and in our community.

We may not always know exactly what to do or what to say but we are committed to learning, making changes, aiming to do better, and working together to achieve equity for all people.

DEAF, Inc. stands in solidarity with our Black Deaf community and the wider Black community in Massachusetts and across the country in the fight against police brutality, racism, and social injustice.

Because Black Lives Matter!