

**HLS STATEMENT ON STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK
COMMUNITY**

“No one is born hating another person because of the color of their skin, their background, or their religion. People must learn to hate. And if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love. For love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.” -Nelson Mandela

The Rutgers Camden Health Law Society (HLS) stands in solidarity with our Black and African-American brothers, sisters, parents, partners, fellow students, and colleagues in the fight against the racial injustices they have faced in this country for far too long. We are deeply angered by the hatred being perpetuated in the US and are committed as an organization to ignite change in our community through both our words and actions.

For the upcoming school year, and for years to come, we will continue to increase our support for Rutgers Camden Black Law Student Association (BLSA). We support their mission to improve the culture at our law school and seek to empower and promote that change.

During this time of division and oppression, HLS stands united with, and in solidarity of, the Black, African-American, and Rutgers community. We encourage students to attend future events held by the law school, BLSA, and other organizations to continue this conversation, show your support on an individual level, and receive knowledge and understanding to be fearless advocates for this community moving forward.

Now is the time for the change that we wish to see in the world. Black Lives Matter.

There are countless organizations you can support and donate to at this time, and here is a link to some of them:

<https://www.thecut.com/2020/06/george-floyd-protests-how-to-help-where-to-donate.html>

In Solidarity,

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