

The Rutgers-Newark Jewish Law Students Association mourns the senseless and brutal murder of George Floyd, and condemns in strongest possible terms all forms of racism, bigotry, hatred, and injustice against people of color. We stand in solidarity with the Black community, the Association of Black Law Students (ABLS) at Rutgers, as well as the nationwide condemnation of this criminal, prejudicial and unjust killing. In particular, we stand with the family of George Floyd, whose words of pain and anguish have moved millions of Americans to protest over the last few weeks. We do this not only as Jewish people whose history has taught us the cruel lessons of minority persecution, but also because it is simply, without any other justification, the morally imperative thing to do. We ask that the members of the JLSA, to take this time of immense change, pain and sadness, to demand justice for George Floyd and an end to the unjust practices of excessive force, lax police accountability and racial bias in law enforcement. We also ask that our members and peers contemplate how we as law students, with the knowledge and power we wield can influence and create a better world for ourselves and our children, in which racial bigotry and discrimination are condemned at every level of our society. And most importantly, demand it from those whom are entrusted to protect our safety, our freedoms, and our very lives themselves.

We stand the Greater Jewish Graduate Student Initiative in affirming the fundamental right of assembly and peaceful protest to let our voices be heard with dignity. We plead for an end to the reckless violence and destruction that has shattered so many communities.

Signed,

JLSA E-Board