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Dear ANA Family,

The last few months have brought to light the racial divisiveness that still permeates our society. To many, the tragic shootings in Atlanta served as a culmination of the increasing violence and racism perpetrated towards Asians and Asian Americans. While the frequency of the recent incidents may have been precipitated by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and harmful political rhetoric, such unacceptable bigotry has unfortunately been present for generations.

We recognize that some of our members are feeling increased isolation, anxiety, and reexperienced trauma at this time. In response to this, ANA has taken action to serve as a safe haven for our trainees and professional members. As you know, the Advocacy Committee and Student Committee have organized times and spaces for members to process and heal from the recent violence. These have provided spaces to show support and camaraderie with one another.

We continue to stand with our allies in addressing racial injustice, including the Hispanic Neuropsychological Society, Society for Black Neuropsychology, and newly formed Queer Neuropsychological Society. We are actively considering how to support additional representation of individuals who identify with multiple cultural identities within our organization. We are not only aware of the presence of intersectionality in our community, we are committed to doing the work to incorporate different communities' experiences. As an ongoing step, the Advocacy Committee will continue to remain vigilant on news and legislation relevant for Asian, BIPOC, and other marginalized communities.

We pledge to not only keep the greater community of neuropsychologists and psychologists informed, but also to remind them that our heritage warrants celebration. To this end, the Media Committee is organizing a special Asian Heritage Month interview series this May. We hope that this initiative will bring a positive light to balance the darkness that has been brought into recent focus.

We know that these are challenging times. Standing together in solidarity will help us to weather this storm and take a step forward in ending inequality and furthering social justice. Please know that our "door" is always open to you, and your thoughts, concerns, and feedback are always welcome.

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of those who were lost:

Hyun Jung Grant
Xiaojie Tan
Delanie Ashley Yaun
Paul Andre Michels
Yong Ae Yue
Suncha Kim
Soon Chung Park
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With care,

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