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On behalf of the members of Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E., I extend a heartfelt sentiment of condolences to the friends and family of George Floyd. Unfortunately, his death has too often been the case for many black and brown people in our country.

We stand with millions of people across the country who are rightfully outraged by the killings, the lack of arrests or appropriate charges against the perpetrators, and the lack of action to protect the right to protest. President Trump's calls for violence against those demanding justice for these deaths only serves to add to our pain and outrage. However, the answer to these issues cannot be found in violent outbursts.

We must stand together against the inhumane treatment of all our brothers and sisters. We must, however, fight for peace, with peace. We cannot give into the fallacy that any true measure of change can be achieved through violence.

When wrong, police should be held accountable for their actions and prosecuted accordingly. The officers that attacked George Floyd should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. That being said, we appreciate and support our NYPD officers. We are especially grateful for their heroic actions and sacrifices as the nation battles Covid-19.

*"...Our heroes died to give us an example for times like this. Stand up for George Floyd and we stand up for justice Burn down Target and we undermine the leaders who died for our freedoms. Instead, we need to stand up and demand the government live up to the promise of the Constitution of the United States."*

– Excerpt from "Stand UP/DON'T FIRE UP" by John Palmer, Ph.D