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Dear McCourt Student Community,

The McCourt Student Association and our members share in the grief for all the Black lives lost to police brutality and racial injustice. We can no longer stand by and watch the predictable cycle of violence against people of color.

Millions of Americans, including many of our peers, have flooded the streets in all 50 states calling for change. Black individuals and their allies are protesting systemic racism that takes shape as police brutality, mass incarceration, voter suppression, income inequality and economic segregation.

While change may start with greater police accountability we all have a role to play to work for change in our communities. We cannot turn a blind eye to racism. We must transform our anger and despair into organized action and stand together with the Black Lives Matter movement to advocate for racial justice.

In honor of Juneteenth, the McCourt Student Association hereby recommits to pursuing specific actions that lift up Black voices and support a more equal and equitable McCourt community. As future policy analysts and policymakers, we must acknowledge this pivotal moment, the privilege we hold, and our capacity to bring about anti-racist change and emphatically condemn the killings and discriminatory treatment of Black individuals by law enforcement across the United States.

The McCourt Student Association is committed to holding space for any McCourt students with an intentional focus on Black Lives Matter initiatives seeking changes within McCourt and its student body, listening to all feedback, engaging in internal dialogue, and promoting definitive action.

We are currently in discussions with the Deans of McCourt and Georgetown University to confirm resources and develop programming throughout the coming year that addresses the concerns of all stakeholders. Upon completion of the budget process, we will issue another statement outlining specific actions reaffirming our solidarity with Black Lives Matter and our dedication to being in the service of others.

In Solidarity,

McCourt Student Association