



A Letter to the Campus Community from Dr. Coleman

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I can't sleep (Breonna Taylor). I can't jog (Ahmaud Arbery). I can't breathe (George Floyd).

I hate that I am writing yet again about racism— a pain and trauma that seems to be so unceasing in our country. Systemic racism continues to deprive us of our very lives. The current national unrest reveals that we are all so very tired of it. I hope that we can supplant sentiments of 'thoughts and prayers' with **tangible policy changes and action**. My thoughts center on an increasingly diverse TAMU faculty, staff, and student body. My prayers are for a campus community that leads with respect and belonging. The change I would like to see is for us to be national leaders in inclusion, anti-racism, and belonging. I hope that we are ready to meet these challenges.

Peace,

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