



To our brothers and sisters at the University of Missouri,

We, the undersigned presidents of the University of Miami Student Government and United Black Students, have heard the call to step forward in the wake of social injustice at the University of Missouri. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." As recent events have shown, the injustice that is currently affecting your campus is not an isolated incident, but rather it is an epidemic that has gripped colleges and universities throughout the nation. As numerous other universities have come forward to show support during this time, we would like to join you all in the fight to combat racial and social injustice.

As black students ourselves, we understand the adversity that can be present on the campus of a predominantly white institution. Problems of micro-aggression, doubt cast by our peers and sometimes even administrators, issues of inclusivity, and impostor syndrome are prevalent in the foundation of any black students' experience at a predominately white institution. However, every day that we make the effort to step onto campus and overcome these racial shackles, we show the world not only our resilience, but also our drive for success. When presented with these barriers, your university chose to be silent, but you all as a student body chose to step forward. For that, we applaud you. We applaud you for making your voice heard when university officials would not listen. We applaud you for standing your ground when pressure tried to break your spirits. We applaud you for working as a collective voice to force the resignation of former President Tim Wolfe, former Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin, and numerous other university officials. Most of all, we applaud you for staying firm in your convictions even in the midst of death threats. Your actions have shown your courage, perseverance, and dedication to your cause of eradicating racial and social injustice not only on your campus but nationwide.

Know that your actions have not gone unnoticed. You have brought awareness to an issue that affects us all, and in the process, your actions have awoken the nation. Never think you are alone as we are here as your supporters, advocates, and most importantly, your family.

It took until 1964 for the nation to officially recognize the need for legislation to combat civil rights injustice. To those who dare attempt to make these steps toward progress retroactive, we are watching you. To those who would attempt to stifle students' voices, threaten their bodies, and break their mental fortitude, the University of Miami is watching you. To those who would entrench upon the safety of our families, the world is watching you.

In solidarity we stand,

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