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Dear Pamela,

AWAIC stands in solidarity with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) against racism. We believe EVERYONE should be treated with compassion, dignity, and respect. It is a sad truth that many are not only denied these basic values, but also experience violence, based solely on the color of their skin. **This must end.**

As we reflect on recent events, we know we can do better. We pledge to learn more about how to educate ourselves, our agency, and our community. Change will not happen until we acknowledge our internal biases and the systemic structures that perpetuate oppression, privilege, and racism. We need to work together as a community, challenge each other, and have the difficult conversations. Only then will we be able to make the changes we so desperately need to dismantle racism, oppression, and to end violence.

AWAIC has worked for over 40 years towards achieving the vision of safe families and a safe community guided by our core values of advocacy, compassion, dignity, and collaboration. While our community has come a long way in those 40 years, we know we have a long road ahead to eradicate violence rooted in power and control. It will take each one of us doing our part to create the change we want to see. Together, let's create a world where compassion, dignity and respect are basic rights, and everyone can live without the oppressing fear of violence.

Will you take the first step with me? Here's a list of articles, books, movies, podcasts, and more to start us on our journey... together.

In solidarity,

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