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Energy and Resources Group
Statement on Social Justice and Solidarity with Peaceful Protesters

All of us at the Energy and Resources Group (ERG) at the University of California, Berkeley, mourn the tragic loss of the lives of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, and the racism directed at Christian Cooper, to name just a few of the most recent examples. These are all cases of the abhorrent racial violence that still haunts our society. The violence we have seen over the past days illustrates many additional problems: the lack of any accountability or moral rudder from some public officials who we would normally expect to speak for the public good; and a systemic disregard for the basic rights of minority groups.

We express our solidarity with those who have bravely engaged in peaceful protests across the country. At this painful moment, when facing a global pandemic that has exposed glaring social inequalities but also shown that we need to rekindle a sense of community more than ever before, we are confronting racism and hatred in the hands of those charged with protecting that very community. All of us -- as faculty, staff, parents, students, and colleagues -- must renew our commitment to actively stand against systemic racism and the devaluation of Black Lives.

The ERG family pledges to fulfill this commitment in our personal everyday interactions and also in the corridors of academia and beyond.

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