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Dear Brothers:

We live in perilous and challenging times.

Many people of color across the nation remain engaged in the battle for racial and economic justice and equality. Unfortunately, we are now witnessing the seemingly deliberate and thus reprehensible attempts to assassinate the character of Botham Shem Jean, the unarmed black man who authorities acknowledge was fatally shot by a white female Dallas police officer inside his own apartment. Apparently, it is no longer safe to be black and inside your own apartment.

However, rest assured, Omega will not be silent on this matter as our Grand Counselor, Brother Benjamin Crump and Brother Lee Merritt are capably providing legal representation to the family.

In recent weeks, the United States Senate Judiciary Committee has conducted its hearing on the nomination of United States Court of Appeals Judge Brett Kavanaugh to determine whether he should be confirmed as an Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

During those hearings, Senators Cory Booker, Kamala Harris and other leading Democrats have raised substantial questions about Judge Kavanaugh's interpretation of critical laws considering racial profiling, affirmative action and reproductive rights as well as his character and overall fitness to serve in this significant lifetime position.

In its call to action, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) alerted their members with the following: "The stakes for nominating a new Supreme Court Justice could not be higher at this moment in our history. The [Supreme] Court is meant to be an unbiased guardian of the rights and liberties of all Americans. The country desperately needs a fair-minded and independent jurist on the Supreme Court. Now is not the time for a divisive and biased appointment that will further shake the public's faith in our nation's justice system."

We concur.

We are asking all members of Omega Psi Phi to contact their U.S. Senators and urge them to make a measured and methodical decision when the full Senate considers whether Judge Kavanaugh is deserving of confirmation to the United States Supreme Court.

Yours in Omega,

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