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To our NAPSA family:

It is with a heavy heart I write this message this morning. The tragic and senseless acts we have witnessed in Minneapolis grimly remind us all we still have so far to go to bring true freedoms to people of color in this country—freedom from fear, freedom from want, and freedom from disrespect and hate.

I don't know exactly what to say to my friends of color in these terrible times—I just feel pain and shame. But do know this—I see you. Empathy falls short—it's impossible for me to know what this feels like for you or to experience your world. What growing up and living in America is like for you. I see you and hear you.

This morning I read a statement made by the Minneapolis Police Chief, Medaria Arradondo, in response to a question regarding if the three other police officers present would be charged in the murder of George Floyd. This is what he said:

“Silence and inaction, you're complicit. You're complicit. If there were one solitary voice that would have intervened, that's what I would have hoped for. And that did not occur. Mr. Floyd died in our hands.”

The Chief's message is something for us all to embrace. We may not have the answers, but we all share a responsibility to start the conversations and ask the questions.

Onward.

Brad Mitchell