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Dear Girls Inc. Supporters, Families and Friends,

The senseless killing of George Floyd and the tragic losses and complexities from COVID-19 have made a profound impact on all of us. For people of color, the impact has been disproportionately overwhelming. We are heartbroken and saddened by the recent tragedies and acts of violence and must stand by our mission and use our voices today. We see the trauma on youth as a result of systemic racism that impacts too many of our girls and families every day. We stand with the black community against racism, hate, and violence and will continue to speak up for justice and equality

Girls need to grow up to believe that the world can be equitable, safe, and just; and that they have the power of creating change. They need us to keep on, so they can keep on. This world can and will be made better. It will not wait another half-century. This moment needs to be the moment in which we join together and be the change.

Girls Inc. of Worcester’s mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. In this spirit, you are invited to join our call to action and further our mission.

Our pledge today and every day in supporting black communities, black families, and black girls at Girls Inc. of Worcester starts with ourselves and includes anti-racism and cultural sensitivity training for board, staff, volunteers and girls. We re-commit and continue to look for ways that we can be part of social change:

We will be **STRONGER**
We see you...and we support you. We will stand united and move forward together.

We will be **SMARTER**
We hear you ... and we are listening. We are committed to the rights you deserve.

We will be **BOLDER**
We stand confidently with you... and will lead the change with courage and conviction.

To our supporters and friends, please join us as we stand in solidarity with our girls. Together, we will collectively use our voices to speak out against racism and prejudice and demand justice.

To our families, we understand that now is the time to ensure that children and youth of color grow up in a society that is equitable and safe.

To our girls, we stand with you and will lead by listening to you and we will do our part to aid in the fight to address these inequities.

United We Stand,

Victoria Waterman
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