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Dear Family, Friends and Concerned Citizens,

Our community is feeling the effects of issues that have gone unresolved for far too long. I am feeling the effects as a black mother raising two young black boys. George Floyd's tragic death must serve as a catalyst for change. While I am exhausted from repeatedly seeing black lives being discarded so carelessly, as a change agent, I must remain hopeful.

If ever a time, we now have an opportunity to make a change we so desperately want to see in our system. When I took office, I made it my administration's mission to be victim-centered and community-oriented. We stand by that mission with the innovative strategies we've adopted with our victim advocates. My office was the first in DeKalb County to have a victim advocate sit at DeKalb's South Precinct. This victim advocate serves as a second responder to the domestic violence calls. As a prosecutor, I recognize the need for alternative resources in high stress incidents. The advocate serves as a resource not only to the victim, but to the family in distress and to the officers responding to calls where resources are needed.

With the help of the victim advocate, we've been able to connect with the DeKalb community in ways never imagined. It's encouraged us to expand our efforts by moving to place a victim advocate at DeKalb's East Precinct. We want to continue being a trusted and reliable partner to the community, while also assisting our partners in law enforcement usher in the reform many are demanding across the nation.

I promise my community I will continue my pursuit of this mission by having a staff dedicated to the DeKalb County community. I hear your concerns. I stand with those looking to make impactful change in our communities and in our system, because when black lives finally matter is when we will have a better, safer DeKalb.

Sincerely,

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