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Our hearts are broken yet again as another member of our family is cut down in cold blood without reason or cause.

To borrow a word from Ms. Massey, we rebuke the vitriolic messages that are pushed into us every minute of every day.

We rebuke the inherent, systemic and insidious racism embedded in every facet of life in this country.

We stand with the families and loved ones of the slain whose numbers continue to climb unchecked.

We remember the murdered black people whose names have marched across print and digital media, whose faces are indelibly etched in our minds and in our dreams.

We also acknowledge the nameless and faceless who have been killed in circumstances that did not include video footage.

Our resilience is legendary, the history of it long and bloody. But when does the necessity for such valiance end?

Wishing you peace and solidarity.

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