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To Our North Carolina Communities,

As we all witness the pain and outrage resulting from the tragic and avoidable death of Mr. George Floyd, and the resulting protests unfolding in Minneapolis, we want to assure you that the entire membership of the North Carolina Police Executives Association is deeply troubled by this incident but we stand by our commitment to protect and serve the community.

The videos depicting the police encounter with Mr. Floyd and the action of those officers involved do not reflect who we are as a profession. Along with the recent charge and arrest of former officer Derek Chauvin and anticipated charges and arrests of other officers, the NCPEA supports a swift and just resolution to this case. Overwhelmingly, our profession is made up of officers who are compassionate, skilled and well-trained and who are rightly outraged when anyone who wears a badge forsakes their oath and their sworn duty to uphold the law.

We know that trust between police departments and the communities we serve are perishable and we must continue to work hard to build and preserve that trust. Treating every person with whom we interact with dignity and respect are paramount.

On behalf of the NCPEA Executive Board and member of NCPEA, we offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to the Floyd family during this time and pray that the community will heal and be stronger on the other side.

Respectfully, NCPEA Executive Board North Carolina Police Executive Association www.ncpea.org

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