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Dear Neighbor:

Over the past several months, New Yorkers have grappled with the coronavirus. We have mourned lost loved ones and seen our lives upended. As the city is set to reopen over the next few weeks, we face a renewed crisis that has long impacted our entire country, one of racial and social justice.

The death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis made many Americans more aware of the brutality that people of color continue to experience all over our nation. Over the past few days in New York City, we have seen demonstrations and heard a collective call for justice.

At the highest levels of leadership, in our city and country, there has been a failure to understand or address the collective anger we have seen play out. At times this anger has only been met with violent acts from those charged with keeping New Yorkers safe. More violence won't accomplish anything.

I am grateful for the thousands of New Yorkers who have peacefully protested in recent days to honor Mr. Floyd.

Yesterday, I published a Medium post on steps that the city and state can take to move forward: [Read my complete thoughts here.](#)

I will continue to work with my colleagues in the City Council to address the issues across our city, in order to ensure that our laws are written and enforced in a way that recognizes racial justice. We are still all in this together and we can't stop until there is justice for all.

Regards,



Keith

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