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To Whom It May Concern:

In order to stand in solidarity with the **Black and Brown Community** and the lives that have been lost due to police violence and systemic racism, **ALL** residents in Denver must gather together and demonstrate that “enough is enough” when it comes to everyday injustices that jeopardize **Black and Brown** lives in America. The following statements are goals that express our demand for change and to demonstrate that we will achieve equality by **ANY** means necessary.

WE, the undersigned SCHOLARS OF STRIVE PREP-RISE, FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT:

1. The **Denver Police Department** needs to release a statement to show support for the people they have sworn to protect by acknowledging the wrongdoings of the Minneapolis police force and explaining how they plan to prevent tragedies like this in our community.
2. **Elected officials** such as Jared Polis, Michael Hancock, Michael Bennet, and Cory Gardner must release statements regarding what specific actions they will take and how they intend to speak up for and protect protestors and members of underrepresented and socially targeted communities in general and Black communities specifically.
3. **Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Schools** in the Denver Metro area need to be a united front and speak out for our community because this national tragedy continues to negatively affect the youth in many ways.
4. **As the youth of Colorado**, we must show that our lives are being impacted, too. Police brutality and racism offer constant threats to our lives and the lives of younger generations to come.
5. **Denverites and Coloradans** must fight for our safety, our mental health, and our overall well-being.
6. **All of us** must demonstrate that everyone is united in the fight against police brutality. We must protect each other, regardless of our differences.

To get more involved with organizing in our community, please email: 672181@striveprep.org and DenvermetroBLM@Gmail.com and follow @Denver_Metro_BLM on Instagram!

In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

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