

Team HBV unequivocally condemns violence, police brutality, racism, and white supremacy. We urge our peers to use their time, voice, and wallets to contribute to the Black Lives Matter movement, whether it be educating a family member, attending a protest, or donating to a charity supporting a BLM-related cause.

Much of the progress made in Asian civil rights could not have occurred without the work of Black civil leaders and activists. We know that supporters of our organization value activism and equality in the context of reducing Asian American health disparities. We hope you all will extend this compassion to the Black community. We celebrate the recent charges brought against the four police officers involved in the murder of George Floyd; however, we have much more work to do—now is not the time for silence and inaction. Our goal should not be to retrospectively punish cops for brutal acts, but to prevent these heart-wrenching acts of violence from ever happening, which will require massive changes and increased accountability within our system of policing.

“First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”

We hope you will show kindness and love to yourself and your communities in these incredibly difficult times.

Warmly,

Stanford Team HBV

