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To the above named officials,

We address this to all of you, who hold the power to determine what happens next in response to the killing of George Floyd.

Some members of our caucus are attorneys and many have experience with our criminal justice system, but none of that is necessary to know that swift action is necessary. One need only be human and to have watched the video of Mr. Floyd's last minutes of life to know that justice requires criminal accountability for those responsible for his death.

We acknowledge that legislative action is needed on various fronts to address the pervasive, serious problems with law enforcement in our state. We will continue as a caucus and as individuals to actively press for change at the Capitol. But none of that is relevant to whether it was wrong for Officer Chauvin to hear "I can't breathe" and to continue pressing down on Mr. Floyd's neck, or for Officers Thao, Lane, and Kueng to hear "I can't breathe" and to do nothing to save Mr. Floyd's life.

If the duty of law enforcement is to serve and protect, they failed at the most basic level. Nobody was protected by their actions, and they have caused irreparable harm to Mr. Floyd's family and the entire community. Please do all that is in your power to expeditiously complete the investigation and file criminal charges against all of the officers responsible. No excuses, only justice.

Respectfully,

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