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Considering the recent anniversary of George Floyd's murder in May, the Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis reaffirms its full support for the Black Lives Matter movement. We resolutely stand with all those suffering from systemic racism in New York, around the nation, and throughout the world. We affirm the basic human right to live peacefully without the threat of violence. The subjugation of any people is a threat to us all. Our freedoms, from the right to breathe to the right to speak, must be guaranteed to all people and all communities. As an institute we are dedicated to acknowledging the impact of oppression on people's lives. Four centuries of destruction and dehumanization of Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) have barely been acknowledged, let alone remedied. The Manhattan Institute therefore also acknowledges and condemns the past and most recent discrimination and violence against Asian Americans, whose "model minority" status has long been used to erase their identity and deny their need for social and political representation.

The Co-Directors of the Manhattan Institute recognize that educational and health care institutions, including our own, have for too long been complacent and complicit in perpetuating systemic inequalities. The Institute hereby reaffirms its longstanding commitment to equality and pledges to act more fully in solidarity with all those who are targets of this violence and inequity.

We acknowledge that we are not outside of history and that historical trauma re-emerges in our interactions with each other. We now have an opportunity to initiate a process towards meaningful change. To begin, we first must be aware and reflective of our own participation in racist systems. As an institute and a community, we are invested in developing and advancing our institute from an anti-racist lens. We believe that by recognizing the pain and suffering caused by oppression and the racialized enactments which occur between all peoples, our work can have transformative and meaningful impact.

At the Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis, we aspire to be a leading center for psychoanalytic education, as well as a model of a contemporary anti-racist psychoanalytic community. Over the past 12 months, we have worked to expand and diversify our Board of Trustees to include two accomplished psychoanalysts of color. This past year we held public colloquia which addressed the issues of racism, immigration and clinical issues raised in our work with people of color. A course on Race, Ethnicity and Class became part of our curriculum in the Training Program in Psychoanalysis (CPP/LQP). Many of our graduates, students and directors of our programs have come together to attend CORE's Dialogues on Race, which is open to all

members of our institute. These meetings have provided an integral space in our community for the discussion of race, privilege, and inequality.

And our work continues: Starting with the 2021-2022 academic year, we will offer newly funded scholarships for students of color who want to attend any one of our three programs. The Manhattan Institute's One-Year Program has been reorganized to reflect the interconnectedness of psychoanalysis and the sociopolitical world. Both the Psychoanalytic Training Program (CPP/LQP) and The Two-Year Certificate Program in Trauma Studies are reviewing their curriculums in the same context. We are very pleased that we have added more candidates and faculty of color in all three programs, and we will continue to pursue creating a more diverse and representative psychoanalytic community. We are grateful to CORE for their partnership with the Institute in facilitating these changes.

We continue to urge members of color to embrace leadership positions at the institute. We are looking forward to ongoing conversation and engagement as we work together to make the Manhattan Institute a fair and welcoming environment with a commitment to anti-racist practices.

With gratitude,



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