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CORNELIUS M. KERWIN
PRESIDENT

Dr. Paulette C. Walker
National President and CEO
National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.
1707 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Dr. Walker:

We want to thank the National Pan-Hellenic Council for joining us in decrying this deeply offensive act of bigotry on American University's campus by issuing the joint statement. Responding to racist acts takes a courageous community willing to directly address these issues. Whether online, on campus, taking on hate is on all of us.

We assure you the safety of our students is paramount. These racist, hateful messages have no place in our community. These acts do not reflect the values taught and practiced every day on our campus. Our values can be found in the exceptional courage, compassion, and constructiveness that our community has demonstrated in the wake of these events, including a productive meeting of Greek alumni on the AU campus on Saturday, May 6.

We welcome the support and continued engagement of the NPHC and its member organizations as we develop different and direct approaches to the challenges and concerns our AU community faces in responding to hate. I have asked Fanta Aw, Interim Vice President of Campus Life, to schedule a meeting with you to discuss how the NPHC can participate in this process moving forward.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nul Kerwin".

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