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An Open Letter to All U.S. Federal, State, and Local Officials:

We write you today with grave concern about the future of the United States.

For nearly 60 years, Amnesty International has documented how racism, discrimination, and hate can lead to widespread violence and further disregard for human rights. We've monitored the unraveling of norms, laws, and rules around the world—and are deeply troubled by what we see happening in the United States. The widespread availability of guns in this country combined with the incitement to violence and the enabling and abetting of white supremacy—at the highest levels of government and by those elected to serve the people—has left the country dangerously vulnerable to those who prefer inequity to fairness, hate over unity, and impunity over justice.

Amnesty International and others have exposed widespread and egregious human rights violations committed by officials throughout the United States. Many of you are directly responsible. Others have done too little or nothing at all to stop these abuses.

The world is watching. We demand you meet your obligations under international law to respect, protect, and fulfill the human rights of all people, including the following:

- **FREEDOM FROM RACISM, DISCRIMINATION, AND HATE**
- **FREEDOM TO PEACEFULLY PROTEST AND DISSENT**
- **FREEDOM FROM POLICE VIOLENCE AND GUN VIOLENCE**
- **FREEDOM FROM ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION**
- **FREEDOM OF THE PRESS TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT THE TRUTH**
- **FREEDOM FROM ARMED INTIMIDATION AT THE POLLS**

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Sincerely,
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