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To the Falls Church Community,

All the members of the Sheriff's Office join in the collective condemnation and outrage over the senseless and callous death of Mr. George Floyd by an individual once the bearer of one of the greatest of responsibilities-that of ensuring public safety and the trust bestowed upon them by their community. The unforgivable and unfathomable actions of this law enforcement officer, along with those officers present, who are as guilty by their affirmative decision not to intervene and who are therefore as culpable of this atrocity by their inaction, serve to undermine and negate the goodwill and service provided and fostered by the members of agencies across the country to the detriment of all.

Any abuse of authority and the outrageous consequences of this current crime must be exposed and addressed and eliminated as an uncompromising priority of every agency where it exists to any degree or in any manner. Constant vigilance and immediate effective action is required to eliminate even the hint of a culture of intolerance and the development or existence of any circumstances not in accord with equality and the unmitigated responsibility to protect all individuals, regardless of the circumstances under which the individual interacts with any law enforcement agency.

This commitment must be more than mere aspiration which falls by the wayside with time. It must be the fabric that holds the members of any agency together-the shared mission of treating every member of their community and beyond professionally, with the greatest of respect and concern and to demand that of all other agencies and their officers.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to act in accord with the principles stated above to maintain and to foster our greatest aspiration-earning and maintaining the unqualified trust of the public.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheriff S. Bittle".

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Chief Deputy M. Cay