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Today we reflect on the incredible stress of the confluence of the pandemic, the political climate and upcoming elections, and the daily events that demonstrate the deep need to address longstanding inequities in our society. In the face of the recent court decisions around the murder of Breonna Taylor, we declare again that Black Lives Matter.

Statements are important to make, but the greater challenge is to identify specific actions that can be taken to change how we live, and to move with clarity and strength to a place of true equity for all. This is our focus for the Department of Nutrition - to act and improve our work together and to improve the world in which we live. Among the actions being planned and implemented in our department, diversity training will be required of all faculty.

As we move forward, we ask that everyone take the time to support one another, particularly our Black students, staff, and faculty; showing kindness, flexibility and support across all that we do.

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