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Statement by Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

“The mission of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans and our 17 member plans is to make high-quality health care more affordable and improve the health of all citizens in the Commonwealth. Our member plans are devoted to providing comprehensive and affordable health care coverage to individuals and families of every color, creed, and socioeconomic class.

On behalf of MAHP and our member plans, I share our deep and profound sadness at the tragic and senseless deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and the many other Black men and women who have suffered the same fate. Racism is a systemic issue that permeates all sectors of society and the health care system is not immune to its insidious grasp.

MAHP and our member plans fully support human rights and equal treatment under the law for all and will continue to actively work in support of our diverse communities. I am proud of our member plans’ values of diversity and inclusion, their continued work to support health care equity, and their efforts to address health care disparities. But there is always more work to be done; together, we can build a more just and safe world.”

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