



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mayor John Dailey
Police Chief Lawrence Revell
Tallahassee City Hall
300 S. Adams St.
Tallahassee FL 32301

Dear Mayor Dailey and Chief Revell,

Florida State University and the City of Tallahassee have a long history of working together to enhance the quality of life in this community. This partnership often involves dealing with matters that directly impact our campus community including our 42,000 students, along with faculty and staff who make Tallahassee their home.

Today, we are faced with the most serious of societal challenges – race relations, discrimination and a great unrest that has seized the nation and local communities. Like you, we seek a culture of greater respect, inclusivity and transparency.

This past week I, along with members of my leadership team, have been listening to many faculty, staff and students express their frustrations, anger and sadness. These concerns come from many segments of our campus family, including representatives from FSU's Student Government Association, Black Student Union, Black faculty and staff, LGBTQ community and others. I support their peaceful protests and determination to quell racist acts and discrimination in this country, as well as their desire to promote compassion and inclusiveness. I have reinforced that part of the solution is recognition of the many dedicated police officers who serve this city with bravery and integrity every day.

As community leaders, I know we all recognize it is our responsibility to listen and learn from the concerns of those we serve, and to swiftly seek facts, positive change and accountability. I have committed to help our campus community continue this critical dialogue with community leaders, like you. To that end, Mayor Dailey and Chief Revell, I am respectfully requesting you join me in a meeting with some of our university and student leaders. Florida State is prepared to host this conversation and we hope you will participate.

I look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

John Thrasher
President