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We write as members of the faculty and staff at the University of Denver committed to our institution's pursuit of the public good. We write as scholars dedicated to critically engaging the most pressing issues of our day. We write as teachers devoted to preparing our students for lives as productive citizens.

Since last week's presidential election, many of us have seen the divisive political rhetoric of the campaign become a frightening reality for our students, our colleagues, our communities, and ourselves. We are only too aware that many of the people who comprise the University of Denver are afraid of what has transpired over the last week and of what is to come.

We are determined to do what is in our power to promote an inclusive university, community, region, and nation. We are determined to do what is in our power to resist the psychological and physical violence that has increased throughout the United States. And we are determined to build bridges of solidarity with anyone who shares our commitment to inclusivity and opposition to fear-mongering and race-baiting.

We will not sit idly while our students, colleagues, families, neighbors, and we ourselves are vilified. We will not tolerate actions that devalue, marginalize, or threaten any member of our community. We will not lay down in the face of fear and anger. We will instead stand proudly and defiantly with everyone who has been tossed onto the heap of scapegoats. We will yell passionately until we are heard that our nation's greatest fears cannot be allowed to trample on the basic dignity of our communities and the health of our planet.

To all those who have been targeted in word or deed, hear this: We stand with you.

In solidarity,

[The Rocky Mountain Collective on Race, Place, and Law](#)

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