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To our Law Enforcement Exploring community, national and local agencies, adult advisors, Explorers, and their families:

As you know, for over 60 years, [Law Enforcement Exploring](#) is a proven, successful program that offers youth career opportunities in law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Perhaps the most diverse career field in Exploring, Law Enforcement Exploring serves a community made up of young men and women from many cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. This is one of the many reasons why Law Enforcement Exploring serves as a positive influence in helping break down barriers, misconceptions, and prejudices. The program builds relationships and bridges the gap between law enforcement agencies and our communities while creating the next generation of diverse personnel.

It would be an understatement to say the last few weeks have been very challenging for our country, the Black community, as well as the law enforcement community for whom the oath "to protect and serve" is a solemn vow. As a national program we recognize that the actions of a few have cast a cloud over the many whom we know to be good and caring people. Additionally, many of us may also have family members who serve in law enforcement or have children or grandchildren in schools protected by School Resource Officers. While our personal reasons for believing in and supporting Law Enforcement Exploring may vary, as dedicated volunteers and professionals working together, we are committed to serving over 28,000 youth and over 8,500 adults each year, through 1,700 Law Enforcement Exploring posts throughout the country.

There is no place for racism, not in Exploring, not in policing and not in our communities. Exploring stands with Black families and the Black community because we believe that each of our youth and adults deserve the opportunity to be heard and supported during these difficult times. This is not a political stance or an endorsement of any organization; rather, it is specifically aimed to address a human rights issue in which we all have an obligation. This is a time to listen and support the youth and adults in which we serve, regardless of our profession.

We also stand with our law enforcement community. Law Enforcement Exploring is made up of national and local agency adult advisors, who day-in and day-out, sacrifice their lives to afford us a safe place to live and work. Exploring also stands with you and appreciates your selflessness to protect and serve our homes, schools, communities, and our country. Additionally, as adult advisors in the program, we recognize that you go above and beyond by investing your time and energy into our Explorers. We all see the benefits of breaking down barriers and differences within our communities and working together to bridge the gap. You are part of an important legacy that has accomplished this for over 60 years.

We are committed to doing more by listening, learning, and communicating with a focus on promoting a culture in which every person feels a communal sense of belonging, respect, and value. Law Enforcement Exploring Advisors are invaluable to the program and make every aspect possible in becoming better versions of ourselves while helping our youth "Discover their Future."

We would like to thank you for your service, and it is a privilege to continue our partnership in making our communities stronger. Standing together, we will continue to make a positive impact for the youth and adults we serve!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Anderson".

Tim Anderson
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