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Dear Sudbury Resident,

I am saddened, sickened, and unsettled... but unfortunately not surprised at the state of unrest going on across our Nation that we all love dearly. In addition to senseless killing, injurious actions by people we should trust, and violent protests, we are in the midst of a hideous pandemic.

2020 has presented so many hardships, the weight, at times, may feel unbearable. During these times, I hope you feel you can rely on your Town government. We are working tirelessly to provide guidance and tools to help keep Sudbury safe and protected. But we need your help. I am asking every citizen to be vigilant and diligent - the epitome of a true patriot.

The consequence of destruction of public and private property, businesses and equipment is the loss of much needed services, vital to our community. Historic records could be lost forever, a patient may be unable to obtain life sustaining medications on time, a house may be lost in a fire with rescue vehicles diverted by road hazards, and our senior citizens and those who are immunocompromised may be further impacted by COVID-19 infection acceleration. On top of these tragic circumstances, the expense of rebuilding or replacing structures and systems would be a burden on all of us.

The people of Sudbury are affected by the deplorable actions of others as seen in Minnesota, Maryland, Michigan, and all across the country. As a community, we cannot and will not support the diminishment of human life. We must all be an example of what proper vocalization and systematic influence looks like. Our young people must be empowered to demand more *now*, as well as prepare themselves to serve as legislators and public servants, for the sake of their own future and for the future of generations to come.

I have hope that Sudbury will continue to model the daily extension of dignity, respect, opportunity and praise to all that we encounter. The principle of unity and solidarity across all people is what was birthed in 1776, from this area! Our committed leaders across the community, school superintendents, police, and clergy, have given me reassurance that we can and will get through this season of immense pains, but we can only succeed in a unified effort safely, particularly during the COVID-19 emergency.

Let's sustain a safe, secure, serviced and strong Sudbury, together.

With hope for our future and depending on your assistance,

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