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Dr. Constantine,

Although you and I have never met, I have heard many wonderful words spoken about you and your work. It is with sadness that I make my first overture to you under the current adverse conditions. That being said, I look forward to meeting you in person.

This letter is written in an official capacity. As the current president of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD), I extend heartfelt concern for your wellbeing. Acts of terrorism perpetrated against you and others who challenge long-held beliefs of White privilege and supremacy cannot be tolerated.

As an African American female faculty member and a former Teachers College student in the program in which you teach, I have experienced similar acts of intimidation. While I often feel vulnerable, I (perhaps like you) persist because I believe that my worldview and pedagogy are real and warranted, especially in the Academy.

As president of AMCD, I have established an ad hoc committee to identify short-term and long-term steps that our organization can take to address this string of incidents that seems to be on the rise nationally. On a personal note, please know that I am with you, in spirit and in truth.

Stay strong and, as Donnie McClurkin sings, "You just Stand!"

Sincerely,

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