Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy of Notre Dame strives to foster education, awareness, advocacy, and outreach on immigration. Like millions of individuals everywhere, we were horrified by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis by law enforcement, the killing of Breonna Taylor by police, the death of Ahmaud Arbery by armed father and son who felt threatened by the color of his skin, and unfortunately many more like them who have lost their lives unjustly because of violent manifestations of white supremacy. As exposed by these terrible losses of life, white supremacy infects our criminal justice system, health care, and immigration system, just to name a few.

As an advocate group, we focus on bringing to the forefront the humanity of individuals, immigrants or not. Our country was founded on the backs of Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples, however their contributions have yet to be recognized, and their experiences of injustice have yet to be reckoned with. The bigotted system which has oppressed BIPOC and others for over 400 years must end. This requires a complete reconfiguration of education, health care, law enforcement, immigration, and economic policy as we know it.

SCIA is committed to being a part of this systemic overhaul. We condemn the dehumanization and killing of our Black brothers and sisters. We stand with the Black Lives Matter movement. We call on the defunding of law enforcement and refunding into our education system, our health care system, our mental health services, and more. Lastly, we stand in solidarity with BIPOC student groups on campus demanding from the administration substantive changes to race relations and a commitment to racial justice.