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## FROM THE OFFICE OF DEAN AMBER MILLER

Dear USC Dornsife Community,

Tuesday's senseless shootings in Georgia resulting in the death of eight people, six of whom were women of Asian descent, reminds us that we as a society must continue to be vigilant in our efforts to combat all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and ignorance. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families and loved ones of those who were killed.

USC Dornsife stands in solidarity with Asian communities around the world that have experienced discrimination and heightened fear during the pandemic. As an academic community, we believe that diversity, mutual respect, and open-mindedness not only enrich all that we do but are fundamental to our mission. USC would not be the dynamic intellectual and social environment it is today without a history of extraordinary contributions from students, faculty, and staff of Asian descent that dates back to its very first years.

This is a moment of great pain, one in which we as a society must be united in our efforts to overcome tremendous challenges. We will always be there to assist those who feel threatened in any way, and we urge you to reach out if you are a victim or witness of violence. And if you or someone you care about needs additional help navigating this difficult period, please don't hesitate to take advantage of USC's support resources. You can also contact [equity@dornsife.usc.edu](mailto:equity@dornsife.usc.edu).

Please take care of yourselves, your family, and our extended community.

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