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Namasté Solar is outraged by the murder of George Floyd and condemns the lack of accountability police have historically faced for such acts. This continued injustice has led to a list of names that we all know - brothers, mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, sisters, friends, and community members lost. There are so many more that we don't know who have been killed and brutalized throughout our country's history.

We understand that right now we are offering words in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, and we understand that is not enough. We believe there is systemic racism that fuels injustice, and we are committed to action that supports change toward racial equity.

Namasté Solar was founded in part to address the inequity seen in business ownership and capital, but we failed to see how systemic racism underpins these structures. We can't fulfill our original intent while other inequities exist. We acknowledge that institutional racism is inherently part of our society and our company and that the longer we avoid this truth, the longer we perpetuate it.

Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, "I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate... who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

Anti-racist work is hard, uncomfortable, and overwhelming. We are leaning into the discomfort and recognizing that not doing so would be to use our privilege to step away from and ignore the problem. We agree and believe this is and needs to be our problem, even if our racist system would allow us to ignore it.

It is the responsibility of privileged white Americans to listen, to hear, and to join in raising this issue and working toward systemic change. Namasté Solar is committed to participating in the movement for lasting racial justice.

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