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Dear President Sala:

We have been following the news about the recent incidents of grave racial injustice in the United States. The Ecological Society of Japan stands in solidarity with your community in denouncing violations of human rights instigated by prejudices, wherever they occur in the world.

We recognize that structural injustice harms every community in the society, including the community of our profession. As ecologists, we strive to make the world a better place for humanity and nature, and respect for human rights across cultures and borders is fundamental to that goal. We wish to continue to work with our international colleagues in confronting discrimination and achieving a more just world.

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Sincerely yours,

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