The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault is part of an anti-violence movement committed to justice, safety, and healing. We denounce the killing of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and the racist violence perpetrated against black people in our country every day, including by police officers. We feel anger and grief for all of those who experience trauma and loss due to racism.

We know that systemic and cultural change requires multiple paths of advocacy and activism and we support the right and need of people to protest as a way to call for necessary and immediate change. We know we cannot end sexual violence without ending racism and that sexual violence is linked to other forms of violence. We denounce racism in all its forms both overt and subtle, individual and systemic.

We recognize we have work to do within our own organization and must reckon with our role in benefiting from and upholding white supremacy. We re-commit ourselves to defining our role and commitments as an all white staffed anti-racist organization with the goal of supporting justice for all people.

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