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To: <SENATE-ALL-CONSTITUENCIES@lists.columbia.edu>

Dear Fellow Students,

We, the Chairs of the Student Affairs Committee, serve as your representatives on the University Senate's Executive Committee. We are deeply committed to using our voice to uphold Columbia University's values and ensuring that the well-being, rights, and protection of all Columbia students is ensured.

We vehemently condemn bringing police into our campus community and the subsequent arrests of students. We will continue to stand against such measures and uphold the principles of shared-governance across all our constituencies.

We want to reaffirm our resolute dedication to the student body and to reaffirm that the Faculty and ourselves, on the University Senate Executive Committee, have strongly and unanimously refused police presence and police action on our campus.

It is of the utmost importance that we maintain the responsibility to protect the student body and the University's commitment to non-violence. The Executive Committee, in line with section 444f of the University Statutes, was consulted by the Office of the President. We did not approve the presence of police on campus and we have urged the administration to engage in good-faith dialogue with students.

Do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions. We will stay in touch in the upcoming days.

Sincerely,

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