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Dear Fed Soc leadership,

There is much to process about Thursday's event and its aftermath, but the focus of this email is to provide you with resources that you can use right now to support your safety and mental health. I've seen and heard from several of you who are concerned for your safety and are having a hard time processing last week's events. I am so sorry that you are having to deal with this difficulty at all, much less now. Please pass this information on to your broader membership.

- 1. Threat Assessment: Dr. Alejandro Martinez, a clinical psychologist with 30+ years at Stanford, is available to counsel students who are not feeling safe. He can read social media interactions and direct communications to assess whether the implied or actual threats are likely to become a reality. Dr. Martinez works for the Office of the General Counsel. He sometimes works with a team that includes a lawyer from the OGC and a member of the Stanford Department of Public Safety, but can work without DPS if the people he advises prefer that. Dr. Martinez is available tomorrow, much of Monday, and Tuesday afternoon. I don't have a good sense of how many people would be interested in talking with him. If you would like to talk with him soon, please email me by tomorrow, Sunday March 12 at noon. If a number of students would like to speak with him I will arrange a zoom meeting for sometime in the next few days. If only a few students need this service now, I will refer people individually. And of course, you can reach out to me for contact information later on if the need arises.
- Connection with OSA, DEI, Levin Center: Please reach out to any of us here at SLS if you would like support or would like to process last week's events:
 - a. OSA (Jeanne Merino, jmerino@law.stanford.edu, Holly Parrish, hparrish@law.stanford.edu, John Dalton jwdalton@law.stanford.edu, and Megan Brown, mybrown@law.stanford.edu),
 - b. DEI (Tirien Steinbach, tsteinbach@law.stanford.edu)
 - c. Levin Center (Diane Chin, dchin@law.stanford.edu; Anna Wang, annawang@law.stanford.edu).

And of course, please connect with anyone at SLS with whom you feel comfortable who can support you now.

- 3. Social Media Threats and Distractions: Student organizations should consider pausing their student organization social media accounts until this news cycle winds down, as the law school and university have done. Try your best not to engage on Twitter or any other social media platform, as issues tend to escalate and trolls are looking for a fight. If you are seeing negative posts on Instagram or Twitter, you can make your accounts or your student org accounts private for now. If you have not already done so, consider removing your individual names from your SLS websites (contact webteam@law.stanford for this).
- 4. **Consideration for each other:** Many of us are feeling raw and hurt right now. That's understandable. Use the resources above and the wonderful counselors at CAPS and therapists at SLS if you need help dealing with your hurt and anger. You can reach Dr. Liz Chaney at <u>Ichaney@stanford.edu</u> and Dr. Sonia Amin at <u>samin565@stanford.edu</u>.

Warmly,

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