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Dear friends,

On behalf of my colleagues on the Criminal Justice team at Arnold Ventures, let me extend our sincere hopes that you, your families, your partners, your students and your networks fighting for justice are safe and healthy. We hope that you find the strength needed to get through these difficult times. We also commend you for your activism and advocacy on behalf of the people hit hardest by this crisis, particularly those in jails and prisons, their families and the front line workers responding to people in need. This is a time when the fight for justice takes on new urgency.

I am writing to follow up on the message you received from our President and CEO, Kelli Rhee, reaffirming our commitment to supporting you and your important work. We deeply appreciate the way that so many of our grantees have risen to the challenge of this moment. Kelli also encouraged you to let us know if the circumstances of the COVID-19 crisis pose particular challenges in terms of your fulfillment of the obligations under your Arnold Ventures grant. In the coming weeks, the Arnold Ventures team member managing your grant will be making personal contact with each of our grantees to see if there are ways that we can further support your work. If, for example, your timeline for completion of your milestones has slipped because your university has closed down, your staff are adjusting to working from home, or the promised dataset has not arrived because your government partner is responding to the crisis, please let us know.

Beyond this, we recognize that many of you are facing opportunities to respond more effectively and creatively to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. Please don't hesitate to contact me or the team member managing your grant to float an idea, discuss a research opportunity, or strengthen your advocacy capacity. We certainly cannot act on all good ideas, but we want to be open to your thinking at this critical moment. You are on the front lines and we respect your ability to see solutions and openings for effective strategies.

Thanks again for your commitment to this important mission.

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