

Chancellor DiStefano,

You did not respond to our demands. The continuous work of the Black Student Alliance and allied student groups is about holding accountability within policy and structures at CU Boulder. As of June 2, 2020, 8:20pm, we have garnered 2,900 signatures on our [petition](#) - this means the community is watching and the community is paying attention to the actions that will be done.

The demands regarding the Boulder Police Department and Department of Corrections are about systemic change, evaluating and pivoting what investment looks like, and taking a firm action in divesting from institutions that are designed to harm Black and Brown communities.

We are at a point in time where words are not enough. We do not have the luxury of time. We are standing in a moment of history where institutions and leaders have to make critical decisions about the means and ends of creating structures that are about disrupting the systemic racism and white supremacy that is embedded in the fabric of this country. This university is no different.

After advocacy from [students and community members](#), the University of Minnesota President, Joan Gabel, [announced](#) an immediate cease of contracts from the local police department for large events and specialized tasks¹. Since, universities and school districts across the nation are following suit. It is time for the University of Colorado to follow. This is how you can show your commitment to values of justice, equity, and inclusion for this campus.

We demand a reply of action on Friday June 5, 2020.

With action,

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