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**CeO WRITING ASSESSMENT: ADDRESSING SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Deadline: Friday, August 20, 2021, 12 p.m.**

In order to serve your academic needs in the future, the CeO staff would like to review a sample of your writing. By providing this example, you'll be giving us a sense of your strengths and weaknesses as a writer, and which areas you might need to focus on as you work toward graduation. (But don't worry – this is not a test, and you won't receive a letter grade!)

**Time:** Take at least 50-75 minutes (roughly the time you will have to write an essay exam at UW-Madison) to address the following prompt:

*Although Americans pride themselves on their commitment to justice and equality, our common experiences as a people often have been marked by instances of injustice and inequality – times when individuals and groups have been denied fair treatment because of their racial or socioeconomic backgrounds, gender, age, sexual orientation, or appearance. The death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis has created an intense public debate over these longstanding, systemic problems in American society.*

**Your assignment:** Write about your personal response to the death of George Floyd and the issues it has raised about how our nation deals with issues of race, crime, justice, and equality. Discuss these issues from your perspective. How do you understand them based on your own experiences and views? In your opinion, what has Floyd's death shown about America, and how might we begin to make it better?

**Suggestions/advice:** There is no single "right" way to approach this complex topic. Everyone will do it somewhat differently. Just try to be as thorough and as honest as possible. For this assignment, it is appropriate for you to use the first-person point of view ("I", "me," "my") throughout your essay. If possible, type your response with double-spacing.

**When you're finished, email your assessment to Dr. Shawn Peters at [shawn.peters@wisc.edu](mailto:shawn.peters@wisc.edu) (with "CeO Writing Assessment" in the subject line) as a Word attachment or share as a Google Doc.**

**Questions? Email Dr. Peters at [shawn.peters@wisc.edu](mailto:shawn.peters@wisc.edu).**

