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**Statement of AAI President Gary A. Koretzky, M.D., Ph.D.
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The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse biomedical research community working in environments free of harassment, discrimination, or fear. As such, we are deeply troubled whenever reports of discrimination, workplace harassment, or threats of violence against scientific or lay colleagues emerge. We are particularly concerned with what appears to be a recent increase in such activities, including antisemitic threats against leading government scientists and officials; threats against numerous Historically Black Colleges and Universities; acts and threats of violence against Asian Americans related to the current pandemic; and bullying, intimidating, or discriminatory behavior in the workplace.

These incidents, whether emanating from within the scientific community or the public at large, are to be condemned. All members of our community deserve to live and work in environments that are inclusive, respectful, and safe. To that end, AAI recommits itself to these principles, offers our support to our members and staff, and pledges to work with likeminded government officials and community leaders to ensure a welcoming and safe biomedical research enterprise.