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Dear Psychology Colleagues in the International Community,

We are writing to you on behalf of the APA Board of Directors and all of APA. We know you have been following the news stories of the results of the independent review undertaken by APA to investigate its actions with respect to ethics and interrogation in the aftermath of 9-11 and other threats of terrorism.

Although the disturbing and painful findings in the report concern actions of U.S.-based psychologists and of APA, a U.S.-based psychology organization, we are strongly aware that these events have cast a pall on psychology and psychologists in all countries, with the potential to negatively affect perceptions of the integrity of our discipline worldwide. For this we are deeply sorry. As psychologists and psychology organizations, we work diligently to promote psychology as a science and profession uniquely positioned to address important social and behavioral challenges in our local and global communities. We all share a value on promoting ethics and human rights. Therefore, we most sincerely apologize for this stain on our collective integrity.

We are working as a Board of Directors at APA to address the personal and organizational failings that permitted this crisis to occur. We hope that you, as the leaders of psychology organizations around the world, will support, advise, and assist us as we examine our structures, policies, and actions. We welcome your input and deeply value our relationships with you.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadine J. Kaslow".

Nadine J. Kaslow, PhD, ABPP, APA Past President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan H. McDaniel".

Susan H. McDaniel, PhD, ABPP, APA President Elect

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