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Statement from the National President Reaffirming Our Stance Against Racial Profiling and Discrimination

Dear Sorors,

Earlier this week, there was an incident at a Bahama Breeze in Cleveland, Ohio [[Read More](#)], in which a group of sorors, along with several other women, experienced racial profiling and discrimination at the establishment.

Our Cleveland sorors took immediate action, resulting in the quick firing of the manager of Bahama Breeze. We remain strongly opposed to discrimination in any form. Whether it is our sorors or members of our local communities, Delta stands ready to take action. We stand with each and every one of you in Cleveland, and nationwide, as we continue to confront these issues and demand action from corporations like Bahama Breeze.

We have reached out to the executive leadership of the Darden Corporation (parent company) to schedule a meeting and discussion in hopes of ensuring that this kind of discrimination doesn't happen to other people of color. Additionally, the practice of commercial businesses calling the police for minor disagreements involving people of color must end. This is a message we must deliver loud and clear. To be sure, we remain in contact with Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge, in whose district this matter occurred [[Read More](#)].

Times like these require the strength and power of Delta. Let us remain vigilant and steadfast in our continued fight for racial justice and civil and human rights. Thank you, sorors, for your commitment to this work.

Sisterly,

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