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Dear President Trump,

We, the members of the Board of Directors and staff of the Child Welfare League of America, Inc. (CWLA), join you in mourning the tragic and unnecessary loss of life caused by the recent horrific events in Charlottesville.

As the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization and the leading voice for America's children, youth, and families who are vulnerable, CWLA envisions our country as a place where all children can grow up safely, free from hatred, in loving families and supportive communities, with everything they need to flourish, including strong and supported connections to their culture, ethnicity, race, and language.

We call on you, as president and as a leader of the free world, to condemn, without qualification, hesitation, and reservation, the un-American, inhumane, racist, and anti-Semitic hate espoused by white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and the alt-right. Anything less is unacceptable, beneath the dignity of the office of president of the United States, ignores the values of everything America stands for, and sacrifices the moral authority and responsibility of our nation in the eyes of its people and in the eyes of the world.

Respectfully yours,

*CWLA Board of Directors and Management*