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To the Members of the Special Committee and the APA Board of Directors:

I am writing to share an initial response to the Hoffman Report approved by the Executive Committee of Division 27 of the American Psychological Association, the Society for Community Research and Action.

We were pleased that the APA hired an independent examiner to investigate allegations that the APA colluded with government officials related to psychologists' involvement in enhanced interrogations techniques, including torture. The report is thorough and indicates long-standing collusion with the DoD as well as a years-long cover-up to hide this collusion. On its website, APA lists several initial steps that must be taken to address the concerns raised in the Report. Yet, many more steps are needed. We remain concerned about how APA has handled these issues in the past and want to see responses that take deliberate, thorough, and sustained action to rebuild trust with APA members, psychologists, and the public.

We support the framework outlined by Drs. Stephen Soldz and Steven Reisner in their comments to the APA Board on July 2, 2015, including the importance of taking action in the categories of Contrition, Accountability, Transparency, Inclusiveness, and Genuine Change. The complete text of their recommendations appears here: <http://tinyurl.com/Soldz-Reisner>. We look forward to your response about actions taken with due process within each of these 5 domains identified by Soldz and Reisner.

Signed on behalf of the members of Division 27,

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