



Greeting OutVentures Members,

Pride month is upon us. Normally, we would send a celebratory email to revel in the progress we have made for LGBT rights and equality. However, right now, our Black friends, neighbors, and family are suffering and fighting for an end to discrimination and police brutality. In this moment, our message must align with the reality of abuse inflicted on members of our community.

This month, 51 years ago, a protest started in New York City. After years of discrimination, harassment, and abuse, the LGBT community stood up and said "enough". After 400 years, the Black community is doing the same. The racism, injustice, and violence cannot continue.

As an organization, OutVentures stands for community, equality, and inclusion. On behalf of the Board of Direction, I send this email to say that we stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

This is not the time to be silent. Right now, we must all stand up to injustice and violence. Remember Stonewall started as a riot to achieve equality. Let us stand with our communities of color and help achieve equality and just treatment for all. We all need to do what we can - Protest, Advocate, Donate.

Black Lives Matter

The OutVentures Board of Directors

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