Dear fellow Oklahomans,

The Governor's Minority Business Council was created by Governor Stitt to help Oklahoma grow its diverse communities with a Global perspective to move Oklahoma forward, and that means for all Oklahomans not just minority business owners.

Over the past month, we have yet again witnessed the systematic institutionalized failure of America to protect black and minority Americans. Not only across the country, but right here in Oklahoma. Right now, there are fellow Oklahomans scared for a tomorrow for themselves and their families. We as a council, see this injustice and fully support the right for those who see the oppression to peacefully exercise their 1st Amendment Rights to protest these injustices.

While we stand and support those protesting for justice, we also stand for business owners across this state who are working to make a living and create economic opportunities in their communities. We understand that economic mobility is deeply tied to justice. That is why it is important that as we speak out, protest, and call for justice, we must also continue to protect the small businesses in our communities.

The lives of our neighbors being unjustly taken will always be more important than property, but let's choose to unite for the cause and support each other; those systematically oppressed and the small business owners who depend on us.

The Governor's Minority Business Council of Oklahoma