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A Message to all HPBA members:

In light of this summer's protests and increased awareness of racial issues, I wanted to reach out to you and outline HPBA's positions.

As you know, HPBA is the North American industry association for manufacturers, retailers, distributors, representatives, service firms, and allied associates for all types of fireplace, stove, heater, barbecue, and outdoor living appliances and accessories. The membership is comprised of many varied size and level entities, from single individuals to regional companies to multinational corporations. HPBA provides professional member services and industry support in government relations, events, market research, education, certifications, consumer education, and industry promotions.

In providing these programs to a large and diverse member base, we do not represent their individual philosophies or social interests and positions. Our professional staff work every day to protect and promote the industry as a whole. We provide networking, marketing opportunities, and promotional materials to our members. We represent our members at government hearings and meetings through lobbying. Recent efforts are targeting fuel bans affecting gas products and our work to encourage the EPA to amend the NSPS. Looking to the future, we are working on other important directions including industry licensing, fireplace inclusion in new construction, wood stove changeouts, and biofuel tax credits. HPBExpo continues to be the key event that promotes our industry's products, services, manufacturers and distributors.

HPBA respects the membership's individuality in choosing their structure, mission, marketing, social position and comments. It is not an area that we can represent for the whole. HPBA does follow and promotes equal opportunity and nondiscriminatory practices for all individuals in its headquarters operations and volunteer leadership, and we encourage all of our members to do the same.

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