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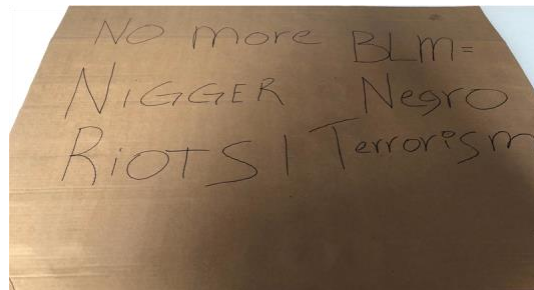
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I want to share with you all an incident that occurred at our Democratic Party of Arkansas headquarters, down the street from the state Capitol building in Little Rock. Today, during the noon hour, a white supremacist attempted to intimidate and harass our party staff and to make a statement. I write to you not to raise a panic, but to give you a snapshot of the risk and hate our staff and too many of you, have to endure. We also see the connection between the hateful rhetoric of elected officials and the failure to take this incident, and things like hate crimes laws, seriously in Arkansas.

Pictured below you'll see a sign (front and back) put in front of the DPA headquarters and directly in view of Chief of Staff Karyn Bradford Coleman's office window.

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A man chose to put this hateful display up in the middle of the workday, in broad daylight. After placing it, he ran through our building's parking lot and ran to his truck before speeding away. A report has been filed with the Capitol Police, and they are investigating along with the Little Rock Police Department.

Given our history, we always take safety seriously at the Party headquarters. We are thankful that all remain safe today. We won't be intimidated or shy away from the work at hand. Our mission is more important than ever, as incidents like this one remind us. Please keep the staff in your thoughts and understand that in spite of such blatant hatred, they continue to be committed to the work.

Thank you all for your resolve.

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