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Dear members of the Yale Law School community,

In response to requests made directly to me and in the online discussion that has been going on these past few days, I would like to make several statements for the record:

1. I am not and have never been a racist. I do not think and have never thought that African Americans are inferior.
2. I am sorry for the hurt that my use of racially offensive language in my 1L outlines has caused and continues to cause.
3. I intended my remarks in the Harvard Law School Record's interview to be an unhedged apology.
4. I am prepared to apologize publicly again as I have in this letter.

The motives of those who object to the Yale Law Journal's decision not to rescind its offer to publish my symposium contribution and its invitation to me to participate in the symposium at Yale Law School are entirely understandable. I hope that they will continue to direct their anger at me and not at my coauthor or the Journal's staff, which has dealt with a difficult situation admirably.

I am willing to talk to anyone further about these issues. I am also willing to participate in a public discussion at Yale Law School. I continue to think, as I said in my Record interview, that discussion of issues like this is a part of what law school is about.

Again, I deeply regret having written those words and am very sorry for the pain that they have caused and continue to cause.

Yours,

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