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To students I have taught this year:

You may have seen today's letter from a number of YLS faculty members. My policy is not to sign collective letters, which typically contain a range of statements, and in the past I have simply stayed silent (reluctantly at times) rather than speaking out individually. Today is different. When *government leaders* single out law firms for retribution based on the clients they have represented, I believe deeply that as a member of the legal profession it would be wrong for me to stay silent. I believe staying silent is wrong if such singling out of law firms were to come from a Democratic administration; is wrong when such action is coming from the current administration; and is wrong if such action were to come from any other administration of any party. As a member of the legal profession, I will speak out against such action by government leaders regardless of my views on the clients the lawful and ethical representation of whom caused a law firm to be singled out for retribution.

If you have thoughts you would like to share on responsive steps I and others can consider taking, I hope you will feel free to be in touch.

-Christine