

Good evening everyone!

Thank you for having me here today. I'm here because I believe in civil service, diversity, and inclusivity. My name is Will Stahly and I am one of the authors of the statement the broadening inclusion committee released on Friday, June 5 2020. Regardless of one's political beliefs. Regardless if one agrees or disagrees with the statement, I wanted you all to hear me. I am black. I am an immigrant. I am a Somali American or for simplicity sake African-American. I am a handicapped individual with one leg. I am a father. I am a husband. I am a son. These are just a few examples of the many hats I wear on daily basis. I wanted everyone to hear me because this is no longer just about the statement I helped create. This is now about the potential hypocrisy of systemic and inclusivity issues we are combating. There is more than one systemic system that is detrimental to all people of color. We must uplift, support, and include all people of color regardless of race, religion, national origin, nationality, sex, color, and or political beliefs. Your vote today will confirm whether or not we uphold these values.