Mean Green Family,

Over the past weeks, months, and years, communities across Texas and the entirety of the United States have suffered tragedies at the hands of rampant gun violence and hate fueled brutality. The Office of the UNT Student Government Association would like to affirm our devotion to creating a campus community that goes beyond educational priorities by striving to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every student on our campus. We are proud of the efforts our University has taken and recognize steps are still needed to ensure a safer tomorrow. Student voices are essential in the conversation regarding gun violence prevention and we encourage you to contact us and get involved with our numerous initiatives and committees concerning student safety.

If you ever feel that your safety is threatened, please reach out to one of the various UNT and City of Denton departments below:

- Emergency Telephone Number: 911
- UNT Police Department Non-Emergency Line: 940-565-3000
- City of Denton Non-Emergency Line: 940-349-8181
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- Crisis Text Line: Text CONNECT to 741741
- UNT Counseling and Testing Services: 940-565-2741
- UNT Dean of Students Office: 940-565-2648

As students return to the University of North Texas campus, the Office of the Student Government Association would like to welcome you back as we look toward a year of great academic growth and personal success. We are here for you and together we will prevail.

Respectfully,

Student Government Association Executive Board
University of North Texas
Mean Green Family,

As you all may know, or have heard we’ve had some horrific events occur near us this past weekend including the shooting at Texas A&M Commerce (TAMUC) Homecoming. While it was an off campus event, many of their students as well as our students were affected and are still going through having to process all that has happened.

As the caring institution that we are, I believe it is imperative that the University of North Texas stands with Commerce and all who were affected as a result of the shooting. With SGA and the Black Student Union, we are hosting a gathering on Thursday, October 31st at 1:00pm in the area outside of the Union Starbucks where we will be having a moment of silence and would also invite students, faculty, staff, and administrators to attend. I believe this is the time to show student support by being present and being a guide to directing students to the many resources we have to offer to help get students through this painful and difficult time.

I also know it is extremely important for as many people as possible to make a statement in their spheres of influence or various departments to recognize that this was a tragedy that affected many students and comes at a bad time as this is also our Homecoming week which means a lot of students are already on edge and we should emphasize the many safety precautions students can take as well as this campus can ensure.

Don’t hesitate to reach out to sga@unt.edu if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Yolian Ogbu
President, Student Government Association