

# Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment

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Kenneth C. Frazier, CEO & Chair  
Merck & Co.  
2000 Hill Road  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

Dear Mr. Frazier,

For over 25 years shareholders of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, who are “inspired by faith and committed to action,” have engaged Merck on issues of access to health in the US and globally. Together we have encouraged one another to live our values of integrity, diversity and the common good.

On Monday you exemplified for us how a value-driven leader acts when you courageously stood up and rejected “expressions of hatred, bigotry and group supremacy, which run counter to the American ideal that all people are created equal.”

We applaud your decency and leadership and support your resignation from the President’s American Manufacturing Council.

With gratitude,



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