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Dear Sir or Madame,

Please consider this letter in support of the electorate of New York City who have banded to speak for the removal of the J. Marion Sims statue in East Harlem, NY. It is time for New York officials to listen to the citizenry regarding the lasting tribute to an individual whose scientific and medical contributions were brought about via crimes against humanity which would violate the Geneva Convention, International Human Rights Treaties and The Ten Commandments' requirement that "though shall not kill."

Our friends and neighbors across the American South have been making a difference by taking down commemoration to Confederate war leaders. Surely New York City is not lagging so far behind as to prolong the period before listening to its concerned citizenry and doing the right thing.

I do not deny Dr. Sims' scientific intellect or discoveries, surely just as it would be unsuitable to honor one of the Nazi physicians who conducted torturous and murderous experiments on Jewish and other people whose basic human rights were extinguished by the Nazi regime, this monument is unjust as inappropriate.

The population of New York City deserves better. This monument is disturbing to anyone who supports basic human rights, especially those Black women working hard to achieve the American dream and make New York a better place.

Respectfully,

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