



The Oakland Institute Unites with 50+ Organizations to Defend Rights as Trump's Cabinet Hearings Begin

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Oakland, CA – Today, as Trump's cabinet hearings begin on Capitol Hill, the Oakland Institute proudly stands with 50+ progressive organizations in opposing the Trump administration as part of the United Resistance Campaign. Along with the NAACP, the Indigenous Environmental Network, the National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund, the National Network for Arab American Communities, Greenpeace USA, and more, we commit to stand together to defend civil rights, immigrants, women's reproductive rights, social equity, action on climate change, public health and safety, public dissent, and access to information. The campaign includes a video and public pledge available at <http://www.unstoppabletogether.org/>

"We live in a global world where our lives are intertwined; where an act of hate against one is an act of hate against all," said Anuradha Mittal, Executive Director of the Oakland Institute. "Through today's pledge and campaign launch, we reaffirm our commitment to stand united with all voices of peace, tolerance, racial equity, and justice. We gain our unity from our diversity – racial diversity, religious diversity, gender diversity, and more. We pledge to raise the voices and stand in support and solidarity with the voiceless, marginalized, and criminalized. We are one force, united together for the betterment of humanity."

As part of the United Resistance campaign, groups pledge to work together across issues, unify respective networks, and function in a multilateral fashion that provides a better future for America than Trump is offering. The campaign is launching the same week as the involved organizations are leading various initiatives to block Trump's cabinet appointees including Secretary of State nominee Rex Tillerson and Attorney General nominee Jeff Sessions.

More than 50 organizations have signed onto the pledge, including: Advancement Project (National), Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Brave New Films, Center for Biological Diversity, Climate Justice Alliance, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), Color of Change, Common Cause, Communication Workers of America (CWA), Daily Kos, Democracy Initiative, Demos, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Every Voice, Food & Water Watch, Forward Together, Free Press, Friends of the Earth, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Green For All, Greenpeace USA, Indigenous Environmental Network, Jewish Voice for Peace, Jobs with Justice, Labor Network for Sustainability, MoveOn.org

NAACP, NARAL, National Domestic Workers Alliance, National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund, National Network for Arab American Communities, Oakland Institute, Oil Change International, OneAmerica, One Billion Rising, Our Revolution, People's Action, People For the American Way, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Public Citizen, Rainforest Action Network, Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United, RootsAction.org, Sierra Club, Story of Stuff Project, United We Dream, Working Families Party, World Beyond War, V-Day, and 350.org.

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