

Updated: November 5, 2025

Dear Governor Scott and Vermont state legislators,

The second Trump administration has already done unprecedented damage to our democracy, violating bedrock constitutional principles and laws, and threatening the safety and well-being of our nation, our state, and our communities.

These assaults on our constitutional rights and democratic norms include unlawful attacks on immigrants, transgender people, and dissidents; threats to the autonomy of institutions to confront discrimination; the undermining of essential environmental protections; and the destabilization of civic infrastructure on which we all rely.

In the face of this rapidly escalating constitutional crisis, Vermont needs **strong, responsive state leadership**. We want you to know that if you speak up and take action to confront this onslaught of federal overreach, your constituents will have your backs. And we need to hear from you, our elected representatives, that you recognize this historical moment for what it is—and that you will act with the urgency and resolve that this moment requires.

We, the undersigned membership and community-based organizations, businesses, and faith leaders call on you to **utilize the power of your office to defend our democracy, our communities, and our values**. Specifically, we urge you to publicly commit to:

- protect Vermont's immigrant communities;
- secure the rights and bodily autonomy of trans people;
- strengthen existing abortion access protections;
- defend our constitutional rights to protest, advocate, and speak out;
- safeguard our privacy and personal data;
- preserve our environmental protections;
- ensure Vermont's independence and autonomy from federal and executive overreach.

Vermonters pride ourselves on shared traditions of “Freedom and Unity.” Our state has often led the way in expanding constitutional protections and defending the rights and liberties of all people, protecting our environment, and celebrating the power of our democracy.

We need you to join us in drawing on those traditions, defending our shared values, and meeting this moment with everything we have—together.

Respectfully,

ACLU of Vermont
Another Way, Inc.
Backcountry Bagels
Barbara Robin Studios
Belonging And Wellness
Bennington County Indivisible
Blockhouse Studio
Brattleboro Indivisible
Bridgeside Books

Building A Local Economy (BALE)
Burton
Cabot Public Library
Cathedral Square
Cavendish-Fletcher Community Library
CCTV Center for Media & Democracy
Center for Whole Communities
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
Change of Scene Travel
Charlotte Congregational Church, UCC
Christ Episcopal Church (Montpelier)
Cobleigh Library
College Street Congregational Church (Burlington)
Common Good Vermont
Community Asylum Seekers Project
Community TEACH (Tutoring, Enrichment, and Career Hub)
Cooperation Vermont
COTS
CQ Strategies, LCC
Deadrise Revival
Diamond Family Circus
Dorset Village Public Library
Earth and Salt
Earthfire Abbey
Education Justice Coalition of Vermont
Elevate Youth Services
EmpowR Transformation
Episcopal Diocese of Vermont
Essex Center United Methodist Church
Essex Connects
Fiddleheads Cuisine
First Baptist Church (Burlington)
First Unitarian Universalist Society Burlington
First United Methodist Church of Brattleboro Beloved Community
Fletcher Memorial Library
Fletcher Memorial Library (Ludlow)
FreeHer VT
Friends of Lanpher Memorial Library
Grafton Public Library
Green Mountain Alliance Indivisible
Green Mountain Performing Arts
Green Mountain Support Services
Green Mountain Timber Frames
Greensboro United Church of Christ
Gristmill Builders
Hardwick Chiropractic
HELM Construction Solutions

Howe Library at University of Vermont
Hunger Free Vermont
Hunter Studio
Hyperbaric Vermont
Indivisible Calais
Indivisible Hardwick
Indivisible Mad River Valley
Indivisible Middlebury
Kiah Morris LLC
Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
Latham Memorial Library
Leaves of Change VT
Love University
Mary L Blood Library (West Windsor)
Meadow Cove Counseling, LLC
Meejy Handmade
Middletown Springs Library
Migrant Justice
Mindel Pelchat & Associates
Montpelier Alive
Montpelier Strong Indivisible
Morristown Centennial Library
MovingTrue
NEK Indivisible VT
Northeast Addison County Indivisible
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)
NorthWoods Stewardship Center
Norwich Technologies
nuwave Equity Corporation
OGGI BE
Old Spokes Home
Out in the Open
Outright Vermont
Planned Parenthood Vermont Action Fund
Points North Sports & Regenerative PT
Pride Center of Vermont
Public Assets Institute
Rainbow Bridge Community Center
ReBop Records
Red Hen Baking Company
Rhino Foods, Inc.
Rights & Democracy
Rochester Public Library
Rutland Area NAACP
Rutland Free Library
SafeArt
Savouré

SHARe (Supporting and Helping Asylees and Refugees)
Sherburne Memorial Library
Spectrum Youth and Family Services
St. Barnabas Church
St. John's Episcopal Church (Randolph)
St. James Episcopal Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Standing Trees
Steps to End Domestic Violence
Stowe Street Cafe
SUSU commUNITY Farm
The Actors Company
The Alchemist
The Bagel
The Barre Universalist Church
The Magic Bean Farm
The Norwich Bookstore
The Red Barn Writer
Third Act Vermont
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
Unitarian Universalist Church of Rutland
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bennington
Upper Valley Services
Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP)
Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility
Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club
Vermont Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants
Vermont Collaborative for Practice Improvement & Innovation
Vermont Community Thermal Networks
Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ
Vermont Conservation Voters
Vermont Environmental Justice Network
Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals
Vermont Green Football Club
Vermont Interfaith Action
Vermont Library Association
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Vermont Parent Child Center Network
Vermont Professionals of Color Network
Vermont Public Interest Research Group
Vermont Racial Justice Alliance
Vermont River Conservancy
Vermont School Library Association
Vermont State College Libraries
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Vermont-NEA
Vermont Language Justice Project

Veterans for Peace
Voices for Vermont's Children
VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
VT New Americans Advisory Council (VNAAC)
VT Works for Women
W.R. Metalarts, LLC
Washington County Mental Health Services
Waterbury Area Anti Racism Coalition (WAARC)
Waterbury Historical Society
Waterbury Together
White River Craft Center
White River Junction Pride
Windham County NAACP
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Burlington)
Working Fields