

March 31, 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

The Alchemist

Another Way, Inc.

The Barre Universalist Church

Brattleboro Indivisible

Bridgeside Books

Building A Local Economy (BALE)

Cabot Public Library

Cathedral Square

Cavendish-Fletcher Community Library

Center for Whole Communities

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity

Charlotte Congregational Church, UCC

Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

Cobleigh Library

Common Good Vermont

Community Asylum Seekers Project

Community TEACH (Tutoring, Enrichment, and Career Hub)

Cooperation Vermont

CQ Strategies, LCC

Dorset Village Public Library

Earthfire Abbey

Education Justice Coalition of Vermont

Elevate Youth Services

Episcopal Diocese of Vermont

Essex Center United Methodist Church

Essex Connects

Fiddleheads Cuisine

First Baptist Church, Burlington, VT

First Unitarian Universalist Society Burlington

First United Methodist Church of Brattleboro Beloved Community

Fletcher Memorial Library

FreeHer VT

Friends of Lanpher Memorial Library

Grafton Public Library

Green Mountain Performing Arts

Green Mountain Timber Frames

Greensboro United Church of Christ

Gristmill Builders

Howe Library at University of Vermont

Hunter Studio

Indivisible – Bennington County

Indivisible – Calais

Indivisible – Hardwick

Indivisible – Mad River Valley

Indivisible – Middlebury

Indivisible – Montpelier Strong

Indivisible – Northeast Addison County

Kiah Morris LLC

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Latham Memorial Library

Leaves of Change VT

Love University

The Magic Bean Farm

Mary L Blood Library West Windsor VT

Middletown Springs Library
Migrant Justice
Montpelier Alive
Morristown Centennial Library
MovingTrue
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)
NorthWoods Stewardship Center
nuwave Equity Corporation
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
The Red Barn Writer
Rhino Foods, Inc.
Rights & Democracy
Rochester Public Library
Rutland Area NAACP
Rutland Free Library
SafeArt
SHARe (Supporting and Helping Asylees and Refugees)
Sherburne Memorial Library
St. Barnabas Church
St. John's Episcopal Church, Randolph
St. James Episcopal Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Stowe Street Cafe
SUSU commUNITY Farm
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
Unitarian Universalist Church of Rutland, VT
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bennington
Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP)
Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club
Vermont Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (VT CURE)
Vermont Community Thermal Networks
Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ
Vermont Conservation Voters
Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals
Vermont Green Football Club
Vermont Interfaith Action
Vermont Library Association
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Vermont-NEA
Vermont New Americans Advisory Council (VNAAC)
Vermont Parent Child Center Network
Vermont Public Interest Research Group
Vermont River Conservancy
Vermont School Library Association
Vermont State College Libraries
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Vermont Works for Women
Veterans for Peace
Voices for Vermont's Children
W.R. Metalarts, LLC

Waterbury Area Anti Racism Coalition (WAARC)

Waterbury Historical Society

Waterbury Together

White River Junction Pride

Windham County NAACP

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - Burlington branch