

Enviro. Groups Stand in Solidarity with Movement for Black Lives Demands / Week of Action

June 4, 2020

As organizations striving for climate justice and environmental protection, we cannot be silent in the face of the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless others. This moment has laid bare the long and shameful history of institutional and systemic racism against Black and Brown people in this country. We demand action.

We stand in solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) and endorse the following demands and the M4BL week of action.

We will advocate for these demands, and we will engage our supporters, members, and allies to take action to confront the police violence, inequality, and racism plaguing this country.

TAKE ACTION: <https://m4bl.org/week-of-action/>

WE DEMAND THE RIGHTS OF PROTESTORS BE PROTECTED

We demand that no harm come to protestors. Violations of property should never be equated with the violation of human life. We demand that local and state officials ensure that there are no abuse of powers and no use of lethal force on protestors.

WE DEMAND A DIVESTMENT FROM THE POLICE AND INVESTMENT IN BLACK COMMUNITIES: WE DEMAND LOCAL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND ALL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS CUT TIES WITH THE POLICE

We call on localities and elected officials across the country to divest resources away from policing in local budgets and reallocate those resources to the healthcare, housing and education our people deserve. More officers, guns, jails, and prisons are not a solution to longstanding problems of racial disparities, injustice, and police violence. We demand police-free schools across the country and an end to the use of police officers in public universities. All public institutions designed to serve the people must cut ties with the police in the interest of public safety.

WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

We demand the federal government provide direct cash payments, rent cancellation, mortgage cancellation, a moratorium on utility and water shutoffs, and a cancellation of student, medical, and other forms of debt. We demand long-term economic solutions like a Universal Basic Income, in order to address the immediate crisis and pave the way for a just recovery that doesn't prioritize corporations and leave our communities behind. Support the families and the lives of those we have lost and those struggling to survive now.

WE DEMAND COMMUNITY CONTROL

The most impacted in our communities need to control the laws, institutions, and policies that are meant to serve us — from our schools to our local budgets, economies, and police department.

WE DEMAND AN END TO THE WAR AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE

We demand an end to the criminalization, incarceration, and killing of our people. We call for not just individual accountability of officers after a murder, but entire police departments. Make it clear that we are done being killed at the hands of anti Blackness and white supremacy. Target your elected officials and those that lead institutions like schools, hospitals, and universities to cut ties with the police.

Signed,

ActionAid USA
Alliance to Protect Our People and the Places
We Love
Amazon Watch
Animals Are Sentient Beings
Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Azul
Bates Environmental Coalition
Beautiful Trouble
Berks Gas Truth
Better Future Project

Better Path Coalition
Beyond Extreme Energy
Big Reuse
Black Millennials 4 Flint
Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project

Bold Nebraska
Breast Cancer Action
Brighter Green
Build a Movement 2020
Calhoun County Resource Watch

Call to Action Colorado
Care About Climate
CatholicNetwork.US
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
Environmental Justice Ministry
Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Climate Integrity
Center for Food Safety
Center for International Environmental Law
Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment
Center for Sustainable Economy

Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Church Women United in New York State
cityWILD
The CLEO Institute

Climate Action Coalition
The Climate Center

Climate Disobedience Center
Climate Finance Action
Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy

Climate Hawks Vote
The Climate Mobilization
The Climate Museum
Climate NOW
Climate Power 2020

The Climate Ribbon
ClimateMama
Coalition for a Nuclear-Free Great Lakes
CODEPINK Women for Peace Golden Gate
ColombiaConexion SF Bay

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Continental Divide Trail Coalition
Corazon Latino
Corporate Accountability
Data for Progress

Delaware Riverkeeper Network
The Democracy Collaborative
DNC Environmental and Climate Crisis Council
Dogwood Alliance
Don't Waste Michigan

Down to Earth Storytelling
Dream Corps
Earth Action
Earth Day Initiative
Earth in Brackets

Earth Is `Ohana
Earth Ministry / Washington Interfaith Power &
Light
Earthworks
ecoAmerica
EcoBirth

Ecoinclusive
Eco-Poetry
Elders Climate Action
Endangered Species Coalition
EPCF

Escambia County Democratic Environmental
Caucus
Extinction Rebellion Tampa Bay
Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area
Faithful America
Fire Drill Fridays

Food & Water Action
Fore River Residents Against the Compressor
Station
Fossil Free California
FracTracker Alliance
Friends of the Earth

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light
Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives
Global Witness
Greater Birmingham Alliance to Stop Air
Pollution
Green Amendments For The Generations

Green Education and Legal Fund
Green For All
Green 2.0
Greenbelt Climate Action Network
GreenLatinos

Greenpeace USA
Healthy Gulf
Heirs To Our Oceans
Hip Hop Caucus
HoCo Climate Action

Hollywood United for a Healthy California
Human Impacts Institute
Idle No More SF Bay
Indigenous Environmental Network
Inland Ocean Coalition

Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy
Program
Interfaith Power & Light
Justice Action Mobilization Network
JustME for JustUS
Keepers of the Athabasca Watershed Society

Labor Network for Sustainability
Last Chance Alliance

The Last Plastic Straw
The Leap
Maine Environmental Changemakers

Maine Environmental Education Association
Maine Youth for Climate Justice
Majority Action
Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement
Mighty Earth

Montgomery Citizens United for Prosperity
Mosaic
Mothers Out Front
Movement Rights
National Children's Campaign

The Natural History Museum
Nature Coast Conservation
Neighborhood Tree Health
Newark Science and Sustainability
Next100 Coalition

No Coal No Gas
Noble Renewables Group of the West
North American Climate, Conservation and
Environment
North American Water Office
North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance

Nuclear Energy Information Service
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
The Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project
The Oakland Institute
Occidental Arts and Ecology Center

Oil Change International
Okaloosa County Environmental Caucus
On Behalf of Planet Earth
Our Climate
Pacific Environment

Partnership for Southern Equity
Pasco Activists
Peace Action New York State
Peak Plastic Foundation
People Demanding Action

Peoples Climate Movement NY
Physicians for Social Responsibility

Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pennsylvania
Plastic Pollution Coalition

Plymouth Friends for Clean Water
Polluters Out
Popular Resistance
Power Shift Network
Presente.org

Progressive Democrats of America
Project CoffeeHouse
Property Rights and Pipeline Center
Public Citizen
Radiation Truth

Rainforest Action Network
RapidShift
Re-Earth Initiative
Regenerative Solutions
Responsible Drilling Alliance

Revitalization Strategies
River Guardian Foundation
RootsAction
Rootskeeper
San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper

SanDiego350
Seeding Sovereignty
Sierra Club
ShutDownDC
Society of Alternative Resources

Solstice Initiative
The Solutions Project
Stand.earth
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
Stop Fracked Gas PDX

Stop Zenith Collaborative
The Story of Stuff Project
Sunflower Alliance
Sunrise Movement

Sunrise Movement Dallas

Sunrise Project
Sustainable Energy & Economy Network
SustainUS

Three Mile Island Alert
Tinker Tree Play/Care

Toxics Action Center
The Trail Posse
Transition Town Media
Union of Concerned Scientists
UPSTREAM

Wall of Women
Waterspirit
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
West Atlanta Watershed Alliance
West Michigan Environmental Action Council

Western Environmental Law Center
WildEarth Guardians
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network
Women's Environment and Development
Organization
Youth Outside

Zero Hour
198 methods
1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations
350 Bay Area
350 Butte County

350 Colorado
350 Columbia
350 Fairfax
350 New Hampshire
350 Seattle

350 Spokane
350 Wichita
350.org
350PDX
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