We, the undersigned more than 600 nonprofit and nonpartisan organizations, stand united in opposition to the <u>House Homeland Security Committee</u>'s and Senator Josh Hawley's unfounded demands for information from hundreds of nonprofit organizations. These charities and organizations have done nothing but carry out their work including what is outlined in the federal grants some of them were awarded, and include religious organizations and groups working on advocacy and services for immigrants, workers, youth and a vast array of other organizations serving their communities.

These letters of inquiry target civic organizations that have provided services under valid federal contracts that were authorized and appropriated by Congress, filling a need the government cannot perform itself. No allegations of wrongdoing, or evidence, is provided for these extraordinary and burdensome inquiries. This effort appears to be an attempt to weaponize Congressional power and create the appearance of wrongdoing against those who the signers believe disagree with their political agenda. The process these lawmakers intend to drag these law abiding, community serving organizations through is the punishment.

As nonprofit and nonpartisan organizations, we work in communities across the country to feed the hungry; house those without shelter; protect our air and water, our rights to vote, worship, and organize; we fight for consumers, workers, and our children; we advocate for civil and human rights at home and abroad; we have made it safer to drive on our roads, easier to start a business, and healthier to live in our cities. We span the full ideological spectrum. And today, we stand together for our democracy and in solidarity with those nonprofit organizations unjustly targeted by these Congressional letters.

Let us be clear – this investigation is Congress weaponizing its powers to target and intimidate nonprofit organizations that are fulfilling the guidelines of federal grants simply because they disagree with the policy those grants advance. This unfounded inquiry is not about protecting Americans, rooting out waste and fraud, or defending the public interest. It is about using unchecked power to chill constitutionally protected activity, community activism, and voices those sending the letters may disagree with. That is un-American and flies in the face of the Constitution.

This specific attack on nonprofits is not happening in a vacuum. Rather, this attack exists in the context of a wholesale offensive against organizations and individuals the administration and its allies find objectionable. We are standing in solidarity with the organizations targeted in this unfounded investigation because nonprofits of all types, members of the clergy and religious groups, advocates, and community serving organizations should not be punished for their work – even if those in power find it threatening to their policy agenda. Our government is meant to serve the people, not those in office.

Efforts by Members of Congress to attack nonprofit groups they disagree with are reprehensible, dangerous, and a violation of fundamental American freedoms. Speaking out for the voiceless is, and has always been, our collective mission. As such, we stand with those organizations wrongly targeted, and with one another.

Sincerely,

100% Democracy: An Initiative for Universal Voting

2 Inspire Peace Inc.

350 Bay Area

350 Seattle

350Hawaii

360 Philanthropy Group LLC

A Place Called Home

AAPI NJ

Abortion Action Missouri

Acacia Center for Justice

Action for a Better Community

Action Together NEPA

Advocacy for Principled Action in Government

Afghan Legal Empowerment Portal

**AFLCIO** 

African Human Rights Coalition

**AFT** 

Air Alliance Houston

Akonadi Foundation

Alabama Campaign for Adolescent Sexual Health

All Voting is Local

AllBeforeUs, LLC

Alliance for a Just Society

Alliance for Justice

Alliance San Diego

Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools

Alternative Schools Network - Added Chance

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

American Atheists

American Humanist Association

American Jewish World Service

American Midwest Ballet

American Oversight

Americans Against Government Censorship

Americans for Financial Reform

Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment

**AMPLIFY Girls** 

Arab American Institute

Ascend Justice

Asian Counseling and Referral Service

Asian Law Alliance

Athena Coalition

Austin Region Justice for Our Neighbors

Autism Alliance of Michigan

Autistic People of Color Fund

Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network

**AVAN Immigrant Services** 

Avodah

Bainbridge Ometepe Sister Islands Organization

**Ballot Initiative Strategy Center** 

Bank Climate Advocates

Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

**Battle Born Progress** 

Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice

Bearnstow

Beta Cell Action

Better Brazoria Clean Air and Water

Better Lives Rhode Island

Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota

Black Nonbelievers

Black Women for Wellness Action Project

Bloodline Dance Theatre

**Bright Lines Project** 

CA Budget & Policy Center

California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN)

California Communities Against Toxics

California Donor Table

California Women's Law Center

California Work & Family Coalition

CalNonprofits

CalPride

CalWild

Campaign Legal Center

CASA, Inc.

Cedar Tree Foundation

Center for Common Ground

Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

Center For Economic And Policy Research

Center for Economic Justice

Center for Effective Philanthropy

Center for Elder Law & Justice

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law

Center for International Environmental Law

Center for Jewish Nonviolence

Center for Media and Democracy

Center for Progressive Reform

Center for Story & Witness

Center on Policy Initiatives

CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers

Central American Legal Assistance

Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)

Ceres Community Project

ChangeLab Solutions

Charlotte Trans Health

Chesapeake Legal Alliance

Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts

Chicago Council of Lawyers

Chicago Jobs Council

Chicago Women in Trades

Children's Defense Fund

Choose Democracy

Citizen Action of New York

Citizen Action of Wisconsin

Citizens Awareness Network

Citizens for Public Schools

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)

City of York Human Relations Commission

Civic Shout Foundation

Civil Liberties Defense Center

Clean Air Coalition of Western New York

Clean Air Council

Clean Elections Texas

Climate Action California

Climate Hawks Vote

Climate Justice Alliance

Climate Museum

Climate Psychology Alliance of North America

Co-Counsel NYC

Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community

Coalition on Human Needs

**CODEPINK** 

Collective Power for Reproductive Justice

Colorado Common Cause

Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care

Columbia Legal Services

Common Cause

Common Counsel Foundation

CommonWealth Kitchen

Communities In Schools Whatcom-Skagit

Community Change Action

Community Labor United

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto

Community Resource Exchange

Compass Pro Bono

Compassion & Choices

Conant Family Foundation

Conceivable Future

Connecticut Voices for Children

**Consumer Action** 

Cottonwood Institute

Courage California

Data & Society

David Rockefeller Fund

**DAWN** 

Dear Asian Youth

Defend Public Health

Defending Rights & Dissent

Demcast

Democracy 21 Education Fund

Democracy Action Team at First Unitarian Society of Denver

Democracy Defenders Fund

Democracy Maine

**Democracy Matters** 

Demos

Denver Food Rescue

Desert Advocacy Media Network

**Detroit Disability Power** 

Dignidad

Direct Action Everywhere

Doctors for America

Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County

**Dutchess County Pride Center** 

Earth Ethics, Inc.

Earth Island Institute

**Earthworks** 

East Bay Children's Law Offices

**Economic Policy Institute** 

EFERT, Inc

Elders Action Network

**Elders Climate Action** 

Elephant Circle

**Emerald Cities Collaborative** 

End Child Poverty California

End Citizens United

**Endangered Species Coalition** 

**Environmental Protection Network** 

**Equality California** 

EquaSpace

**Essential Information** 

**Everybody Votes Campaign** 

EVkids, Inc.

Fab Youth Philly

Fair and Just Prosecution

Fair Fight Action

Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California

Faith in Action

Family Farm Defenders

Family Health Partnership Clinic

Family Values @ Work

Fight for the Future

Firedoll Foundation

First 5 California

Fishline

Flint Jewish Federation

Florida Immigration Law and Justice Center

Flow Water Advocates

Food & Water Watch

Food Empowerment Project

Food for Maine's Future

Food in Neighborhoods

Foodwise Community

Footloose Montana

Fossil Free California

Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice (Illinois)

Free Press Action

Free Speech For People

Freedom From Religion Foundation

Freedom Network USA

Freedom of the Press Foundation

Freedom Oklahoma

Fresh Films

FreshWater Accountability Project

Friends Committee on Legislation of California

Friends of Grand Rapids Parks

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay

Friends of Rose Creek

Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness

Friends of the Earth

Friends of the Inyo

Friends of the Mississippi River

Frontera Federation

Full Plates Full Potential

Fun with Financials

Funders for Justice

Get Free

GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD Law)

Global Detroit

Global Faith and Justice Project

GLYS WNY and the Pride Center of WNY

Goodnation

**Grand Rapids Trans Foundation** 

Grantmakers in the Arts

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

**Grassroots International** 

Grassroots Leadership

Greater Good Studio

Greater Pittsburgh Art Council

Greenpeace USA

Ground Game LA

Groundswell Charleston

Grow Food Northampton

Grupo de Apoyo e Integracion Hispanoamericano

Hammond Climate Solutions Foundation

**HANA** Center

Hands United

Harm Reduction Therapeutics, Inc.

Hawaii J20

Hawaii State Rural Health Association

Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Health Care Without Harm

Healthcare Alternatives System INC.

Hello Future

HIAS Pennsylvania

Hill-Snowdon Foundation

Hilltown Vision

Hindus for Human Rights

Hispanics in Philanthropy

**Hmong Innovating Politics** 

Hope Acts

Housing and Family Services of Greater New York

Houston Voting Initiative

Human Rights Watch

Human Services Council of New York

Hunger Solutions New York

**Hyams Foundation** 

Illinois Collaboration on Youth

Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living

Immigrant Legal Defense

Immigration Center for Women and Children

**Impact Investors** 

In This Together NEPA

Indivisible

Institute for the Critical Study of Zionism

Institute of Cooperative Learning

Interfaith Alliance

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE)

International Mayan League

Intransitive

JACL Honolulu

Jane Doe Inc.

JCFS Chicago

John Brown Lives!

Jolt Action

Junta Comunitaria Pastillo Tibes Corp.

**Just Solutions** 

Just Strategy

Justice At Last

Justice Funders

Justice in Aging

Kansas Interfaith Action

Kataly

Kettle Range Conservation Group

Keystone Development Center

**KIAC** 

Kinder World

KinderUSA

Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center

Krupp Family Foundation

Ktisis Capital

Kyo-Shin-An Arts Inc.

L Professional Writing, LLC

La Puerta Abierta

La Raza Centro Legal

La Raza Community Resource Center

LA Voice

Larksparre Consulting LLC

Latino Community Fund of WA

Latino Network

League of Conservation Voters

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP)

Libra Foundation

Literacy Works

Little Tokyo Service Center

**Living Cities** 

Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy

Long Island Progressive Coalition

Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

Lumina Alliance

Maine Council of Churches

Maine Society of CPAs

Make the Road Nevada

Malcolm X Center for Self Determination

Manzanita Capital Collective

MARBE SA

Marguerite Casey Foundation

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation

McGregor Fund

Media Alliance

Mekong NYC

Merck Family Fund

Michigan Interfaith Power & Light

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Minnesota Council on Foundations

Minorities in Shark Sciences

Mint Chip Studios LLC

Mississippi Rising Coalition

Missouri Jobs with Justice

Missouri Workers Center

Mobile Pathways

MoNetwork

Morningside Retirement and Health Services

Mosaic Changemakers

Mount Diablo Bird Alliance

Movement Strategy Center

MoveOn

MPower Change Action Fund

Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ+ Center

Museum Geelvinck

Muslim Advocates

Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative (MuslimARC)

Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)

Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)

Muslims for Just Futures

My Place Teen Center

NAACP Las Vegas, Branch 1111

Najam Consulting

NAKASEC

National Abortion Federation

National Asian Pacific American Families Allied for Substance Awareness and Harm Reduction

National Association for Family, School and Community Engagement (NAFSCE)

National Association of the Remodeling Industry

National Coalition For Asian Pacific American Community Development (CAPACD)

National Coalition Against Censorship

National Coalition Against Cryptomining

National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP)

National Council of Jewish Women Pittsburgh

National Health Care for the Homeless Council

National Homelessness Law Center

National Institute for Reproductive Health

National Lawyers Guild-Massachusetts Chapter

National LGBTQ+ Bar Association and Foundation

National Women's Law Center Action Fund

National Working Positive Coalition

North Carolina Environmental Justice Network

New Day Nevada

New Disabled South

New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc.

New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children

New Jewish Narrative

New Mexico Environmental Law Center

New York City Employment and Training Coalition

New York Civic Engagement Table

New York Communities for Change

New York Folklore

New York Foundation

New York Progressive Action Network

NFP Consulting

NH Peace Action

NM Communidades en Accion Y de Fe (NM CAFe)

Nonprofit Professional Employees Union, IFPTE Local 70

Nonviolence International

NorCal Resist

Normandie Foundation

North Dakota Human Rights Coalition

Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition

Northwest Environmental Advocates

Nourish California

**NRDC** 

NYenvironcom

Oasis Legal Services

Occupy Bergen County (New Jersey)

Ocean Conservation Research

Ohio Equal Rights

Ohio Immigrant Alliance

Oklahoma Policy Institute

One Arizona

One Colorado

One Voice Recovery, Inc.

Open Markets Institute

Open MIC

OpenMedia

Opioid Policy Institute

Opportunity Fund

Oregon Natural Desert Association

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Our Revolution

Oxfam America

PA Harm Reduction Network

Palestine Legal

Palestinian American Community Center

Paper Crane Associates

Partners for Progressive Israel

Peace Action New York State

Pelecanus

PEN America

Pennsylvania Stands Up

People For the American Way

People Power United

Phoenix Legal Action Network

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Pine River Group Home, Inc.

Pipe Line Awareness Network for the Northeast

Planned Parenthood Action Fund

Plastic Pollution Coalition

Plug In America

PowerSwitch Action

Predator Defense

**Prevention Institute** 

Project Access Northwest

Project Include

Project On Government Oversight

**Project South** 

Project TAHA

Proyecto Faro

Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)

Public Citizen

Public First Law Center

Public Justice Center

Public Knowledge

Puertas Abiertas INC

QWELL Community Foundation

Race Forward

Rainbow Bridge Community Center

Raksha, Inc

Rank the Vote

Ready for Change

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

Refugee Council USA

Reimagine Wealth LLC

Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP Campaign)

Religions for Peace usa

Reproaction

Resonance Arts

Resource Center

Resource Renewal Institute

Restore The Fourth

Revolution Workshop

Rhode Island Environmental Education Association

Rights & Democracy Institute

Rights & Democracy Project

Rise Economy

River Otter Ecology Project

Robertson Foundation for Government

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC

Roots Reborn

RootsAction

Rural AIDS Action Network

Safe Horizon

San Francisco Foundation

Save Ohio Parks

Save Our Streams

ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum

Secure Elections Network

Seneca Lake Guardian

Seven Counties Services

Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment

Shelter Youth and Family Services

Sierra Health Foundation

Sierra Nevada Alliance

Silver State Equality

**SMYAL** 

SoCal 350 Climate Action

Social Justice Legal Foundation

Social Justie Collaborative

Solidaire Network

Solidarity Engineering

South Asian Network

South Bay People Power

Southeast Asian Community Alliance

Southern Vision Alliance

Southside Food Co-op

SouthWings

Sowing Justice

St Michael's Food Pantry

St. Matthew Trinity Lunchtime Ministry

Stand Up America

Stanley Center for Peace and Security

Starting Over Inc

Step Forward

Stop AAPI Hate

Strong Arm Investments, LLC

Students Engaged in Advancing Texas (SEAT)

Sunrise Movement

Support Center for Nonprofit Management

Swan View Coalition

Syzygy

T'ruah

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities

Taproot Collective, Inc.

Tara Health Foundation

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors

Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation

The Boone Family Foundation

The Climate Center

The Climate Museum

The ClimateMusic Project

The Episcopal Church

The Funders Network

The Harbour

The Health & Housing Consortium

The Human Trafficking Legal Center

The Humanization Project

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

The Living City Project

The Mansfield Foundation

The Ocean Project

The Philanthropy Coach, LLC

The Pride Center at Equality Park

The Progressive Foundation

The Redress Movement

The Right to Immigration Institute

The Source LGBT+ Center

The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois

The Street Trust

The Workers Circle

Thurston Climate Action Team

Tides

Tikkun Olam Foundation, Inc.

TransCanWork

Transgender Law Center

TransitCenter, Inc.

Transparency International U.S.

Treatment Action Group (TAG)

Trucha

Trust-Based Philanthropy Project

Trustees for Alaska

Turkopticon

Turtle Island Restoration Network

U.S. Department of Arts & Culture

Unitarian Universalist FaithAction New Jersey

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

United Church of Christ

United for a New Economy

United for Respect

United Neighborhood Houses

United Women of Color

UNRWA USA National Committee

Uptown People's Law Center

**US PPLHIV Caucus** 

Ventura County Legal Aid

Vermont Community Thermal Networks

Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Veterans For Peace

Victim Rights Law Center

Virginia Women's Foundation

Vocal-KY (Voices of Community Activist and Leaders-Kentucky)

**VOCAL-TX** 

Voices for Progress Ed Fund

Voting Access For All Coalition (VAAC)

**WDIY 88.1 FM** 

We Lead By Example, Inc.

Welcoming America

West Virginia Highlands Conservancy

Western Center on Law & Poverty

Western Colorado Alliance

Western Environmental Law Center

Western Watersheds Project

Whose Corner Is It Anyway

Wildlife for All

Willow Fund

Wingbeat 88

Winter Film Festival

Winter Wildlands Alliance

Women Thinking Out Loud

Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER)

Women's Center of Greater Lansing

Women's Fund of Rhode Island

Women's March

Woodstock Institute

Worksafe

X-Lab

Yes In My Back Yard

Yleana Leadership Foundation

Youth Pride, Inc.

Youth United for Community Action

Zakat Foundation of America

Zero Hour

Zero Waste Ithaca