

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 for Climate Education
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 Coalfield Justice
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
Chispa

Church Women United in New York State
Citizens Awareness Network
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 Parents
Climate Power 2020

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

Communities Responding to Extreme Weather
Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Connecticut Citizen Action Group
Continental Divide Trail Coalition
Corazon Latino

Corporate Accountability
Data for Progress
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
The Democracy Collaborative
Divest Ed

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
EcoLatinos

Eco-Poetry
Elders Climate Action
Endangered Species Coalition
Environmental Investigation Agency

EPCF

Escambia County Democratic Environmental Caucus

Extinction Rebellion DC

Extinction Rebellion New Orleans

Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area

Extinction Rebellion Tampa Bay

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition

Faithful America

Fire Drill Fridays

Food & Water Action

Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station

Fossil Free California

Frack Free New Mexico

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

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

Greenbelt Climate Action Network

GreenFaith

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

Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition

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

Lonely Whale

Maine Environmental Changemakers

Maine Environmental Education Association

Maine Youth for Climate Justice

Majority Action

Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement

Montgomery Citizens United for Prosperity

Mosaic

Mosquito Fleet

Mothers Out Front

Movement Rights

NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program

National Children's Campaign

The Natural History Museum

Nature Coast Conservation

Neighborhood Tree Health

Network of Holistic Activists

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

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
Progressive Peace Coalition
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
Sol Nation
Solstice Initiative
The Solutions Project

Stand.earth
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
Stop Fracked Gas PDX
Stop Zenith Collaborative
The Story of Stuff Project

Suncoast Climate Justice Coalition
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
VISIÓN Coalition

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
The YEARS Project

Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines
Youth Outside
Zero Hour
198 methods
1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations

350 Bay Area
350 Butte County
350 Colorado
350 Columbia
350 DC

350 Eastside
350 Fairfax
350 Massachusetts
350 New Hampshire
350 New Orleans

350 Seattle
350 Spokane
350 Wichita
350.org
350PDX

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