Press Release

April 19 Statewide Protests to Defend Democracy

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Olympia, Washington - On April 19th, Evergreen Resistance, Washington's chapter of the 50501 Movement, will partner with statewide protests as part of a national day of action and community building. These protests are grounded in non-violent resistance and driven by grassroots coalitions. We are everyday people building community in resistance.

In Washington and nationwide, people are rising up to defend democracy against the authoritarian agenda of the Trump Administration. Just this past week, the Trump Administration has openly defied the Supreme Court and refused to return the illegally deported Mr. Abrego Garcia back to the United States. This case is a test for whether the Constitution and the rule of law reigns supreme. If Mr. Abrego Garcia can be expelled to a foreign prison without due process under the law, it can happen to anyone.

The nationwide protests are a clear exercise of our 1st Amendment right and duty to protect the Constitution.

This wave of protests is part of a broader movement of over nationwide, advocating for the removal of corrupt officials, the reversal of harmful policies, and the reclamation of our democracy.

We urge Governor Bob Ferguson, state leaders, and federal representatives to immediately address the grave injustices committed by the Trump administration. We demand that our elected officials stand for justice, human rights, and democratic values.

Protests are scheduled across Washington State – more protests and information can be found at www.evergreenresistance.org:

Olympia: 12-3 PM | Washington State Capitol

Tacoma: 12-3 PM | 5310 N Pearl St

• Spokane: 11 AM | Mission Park

Everett: 12-2 PM | 700-3900 Broadway

Yakima: 3 PM | Millennium Plaza

Whidbey Island: 10 AM |Bayview Park & Ride

• Vancouver: 11 A - 2 PM | Vancouver Tesla Showroom

Bremerton: 12:30 - 2 PM | Manette Bridge

What Evergreen Resistance Stands For:

- Upholding the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law.
- Ensuring checks and balances to prevent the consolidation of power in any one individual.
- Supporting local, state, and federal workers for the vital services they provide.
- Defending the inalienable rights of all people, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, and political opponents.
- Protecting the freedom of speech and the right to protest.

Evergreen Resistance Demands:

- For Governor Ferguson and Washington's federally elected leaders to immediately release a public statement committing to due process under the law for all humans in the state of Washington.
- The immediate release of Alfredo "Lelo" Juarez, a Washington activist, and the release of political prisoners nationwide, including Mahmoud Khalil, Leqaa Kordia, and Rumeysa Ozturk, who are imprisoned for exercising their 1st Amendment right to freedom of speech.
- The return to the U.S. of the people detained in El Salvador so their guilt or innocence may be determined by due process under the law.
- The removal of unconfirmed and unelected Elon Musk from his position in the Executive Branch, for Musk to be held accountable for his illegal actions, and for the reversal of illegal and harmful DOGE policies.
- Structural reforms to our political system to reclaim democracy for the American people.



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