

## Defending the Free Market Means Defending Civil Rights

We, the undersigned, business organizations, companies, business leaders and investors believe that civil & constitutional rights are the foundation of the American free market. Our economy thrives because of a legal environment rooted in predictable, equal protection of individual liberties. It is the foundation of our country, and our responsibility to protect and maintain.

### THE RULE OF LAW IS THE BACKBONE OF THE MARKETPLACE

The American marketplace is built on the Rule of Law — a system in which individual rights are guaranteed to all, regardless of background. These rights include the freedom to live, own property, speak freely, assemble peacefully, petition the government, be protected from unreasonable search and seizure, and move freely without constant fear of detention or violence. No economy can remain strong when people are afraid to go to work, open their businesses, send their children to school, or participate in public life. **When fundamental rights are continuously, and systematically violated, the trust required for investment, entrepreneurship, and commerce evaporates.**

### THERE IS NO FREE MARKET WITHOUT FREE PEOPLE

Freedom embodied by individual rights is the foundation of a prosperous nation. Our economy is a great machine. A fundamental pillar in the great American experiment. It does not run on fear or oppression; it runs on the rights and well being of the people. The whole country prospers when the people are free to work, own property, speak and gather without being harassed, imprisoned or killed. But when civil rights are taken away, when a branch of the federal government allows individuals to administer capital punishment on our streets, the gears of the market grind to a halt. **We cannot have a "free market" if the people living in it are not free.**

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MINNESOTA THREATENS US ALL

What is happening in Minnesota will spread across our country if we don't stand up. An occupation by thousands of federal agents in Minnesota has turned peaceful streets into scenes of daily, unlawful arrests accompanied by beatings, gassings and killings. There is no justification in a fair, and free democratic society for a government to turn on its people.. While residents of occupied areas stand for human rights and basic dignity, business can not operate. **A government that rules by fear is an enemy to business.**

### OUR DEMANDS: HONOR THE CONSTITUTION AND A CALL TO BUSINESS LEADERS

We call upon the Trump Administration and Congress to immediately end ICE's Operation Metro Surge in Minnesota, and honor the constitutionally mandated civil rights on which our country is founded. We urge all business leaders to use your voice and leverage your community power to protect the American Dream.

Only when every person is secure in their rights can our markets be truly free and our nation prosperous.

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1. 1worker1vote	18. B Lab
2. 970 Design	19. Bark Media
3. Abacus Wealth Partners	20. Barnickel Co.
4. Abacus Wealth Partners	21. Big Sea
5. Acme Nadir Fulcrum and Pivit, Ltd	22. Bio-Gist Ventures
6. Alesia Sea Witch Botanicals	23. Blended Value Group
7. Alliance for Sustainability	24. Blue Ridge Produce LLC
8. AMAZE Coaching LLC	25. Boomerang Information Services, Inc.
9. American Citizen	26. BPC
10. American Independent Business Alliance	27. BreakBread World
11. American Sustainable Business Network	28. Brookgreen Advisors
12. andCo Hospitality	29. Brown&Company Design
13. Architectural Collaborative LLC	30. Capital Institute
14. Assent Inc.	31. Caroline Sober-James Consulting, LLC
15. AUSZI gbc	32. Circular
16. B Academics	33. Cisco Brewers
17. B Corp	34. Commonwise design

35. CommunityBenefitCorporation	55. Free Range Beehives. LLC
36. Compose[d]	56. Freedom Economy
37. Connecticut Sustainable Business Council	57. Global Black Economic Forum
38. Conscience Bay Company	58. Global Gaming Initiative
39. Conscious Leaders Inc	59. Gold Coast Doulas, LLC
40. CoolerCertified.com	60. Good Business Colorado
41. Council Fire	61. Good Stuff Partners
42. Creative Chi	62. Green America
43. Curio Spice Company	63. Green Hammer
44. Current C Energy Systems	64. Green Retirement, Inc.
45. Diamond one ranches	65. Heal Thy Planet LLC
46. Earth Bound Homes, Inc	66. Hello World Devs
47. Ecodeo	67. HigherRing
48. Energy Circle	68. HopStudios, Inc.
49. English Hudson	69. Hypha Collective
50. Fairtrade America	70. Ingage Partners, Inc.
51. Fervor & Zeal	71. Interfaith Center for corporate responsibility
52. Figure 8 Investment Strategies LLC	72. Journey Mexico
53. Florida for Good	73. Kit Carlson Coaching LLC
54. Four Sisters, Inc.	74. Ktisis Capital

75. Liquid Blue, Inc

76. LongView Asset Management, LLC

77. Love Live Local

78. Lover's Tempo

79. LunarLab Benefit LLC

80. Manitobah

81. Manufacturing Renaissance

82. Marit Digital

83. Mark M. Deutsch, LLC

84. McPherson Strategies

85. Meaningful Organizational Design, inc.

86. MERGE4

87. Messer

88. Micael Elrod

89. Middle Earth Geoscience

90. Mightybytes

91. moonmere llc

92. Mother Earth Medicine

93. Namaste Solar Electric Inc.

94. Nantucket Bookworks & Mitchell's Book Corner

95. Nantucket Vineyard

96. NerdPress

97. New York Sustainable Business Council

98. NewsDesertMB

99. Next Generation of Cystinosis

100. North Carolina Sustainable Business Council

101. Obviouslee

102. Pacific Community Ventures

103. People & Planet; People & Planet LLC

104. Pete and Gerry's

105. Planet+Purpose Solutions, PBC

106. Prelove You, Inc.

107. Premiums for the Planet

108. Profitable Ideas Exchange

109. Provod

110. Public Inc

111. Public Inc.

112. Racial Justice Investing Coalition

113. Regrow Agriculture

114. Responsible Alpha	Commerce
115. Roads Rivers and Trails	133. Straightaway Cocktails
116. Rufus Moon, LLC	134. SunCoast Painting
117. Salt Palm Development	135. Support Organization
118. Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia	136. Sustainability Associates; Sustainability Associates, LLC
119. Sea witch botanical	137. Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts
120. Secure Growth Initiative	
121. Mahala Bell; Self-Employed	138. Tabeeze; Tabeeze, Inc
122. Ellen M Boyle; Self-Employed	139. TCK Enterprises dba PUZZLES & Lewes Gourmet
123. Rachel Kitchens; Self-Employed	
124. Sequent Management inc.	140. Texas Sustainable Business Network
125. Silv3r Advisors	141. The Change Climate Project
126. Silver Lining	142. TONIIC
127. Small Changes	143. Trebuchet Group
128. Smith & Connors	144. Triple Eight Distillery
129. So Good So You	145. Turning the Corner
130. Solaris Energy	146. Turtle Island Community Capital
131. SoLo Funds.	147. Two Octobers
132. South Carolina Small Business Chamber of	148. "U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives

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149. Underdog Ventures
150. United States Citizenry
151. US Impact Investing Alliance
152. Voro
153. W.S. Badger Company, Inc
154. Warecorp
155. WEI; Wisconsin Environmental Initiative
156. West Paw, Inc.
157. Westfuller
158. Zego Foods
159. Zeus Jones Minneapolis
160. Zevin Asset Management