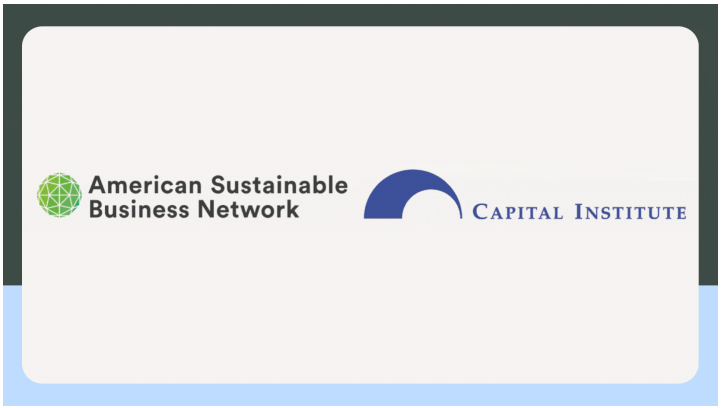


Defending the Free Market Means Defending Civil Rights

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 it.

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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3. 970 Design
4. A Seat at the Table Books, LLC
5. Abacus Wealth Partners
6. Acme Nadir Fulcrum and Pivit, Ltd
7. Adelsheim
8. Agence Cali
9. Alesia Sea Witch Botanicals
10. Alliance for Sustainability
11. AMAZE Coaching LLC
12. American Citizen
13. American Independent Business Alliance
14. American Sustainable Business Network
15. AndCo Hospitality
16. Architectural Collaborative LLC
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28. Bio-Gist Ventures

29. Blackbird Benefits Collective
30. Blended Value Group
31. Blue Earth Compost
32. Blue Ridge Produce LLC
33. Boomerang Information Services, Inc.
34. BPC
35. BRAINS
36. BreakBread World
37. Brookgreen Advisors
38. Brown&Company Design
39. C. A. Phillips & Company
40. Calabash Gardens
41. Camber Collective
42. Capital Institute
43. Caroline Sober-James Consulting, LLC
44. CBGS
45. Chapter2 Books
46. Chatham Natural Skin Care
47. Circular
48. Cisco Brewers
49. Climate Shift
50. Clouse Consultants
51. Commonwise design
52. CommunityBenefitCorporation
53. Compose[d]
54. Connecticut Sustainable Business Council
55. Conscience Bay Company
56. Conscious Leaders Inc
57. Continuum Housing LLC
58. CoolerCertified.com
59. Council Fire
60. Creative Chi
61. Croatan Institute
62. Curio Spice Company
63. Current C Energy Systems
64. Denise Nelson Advising, LLC
65. Diamond One Ranches
66. Doing Good Works
67. Down to Earth Farmers Markets
68. Dr. Bronner's

69. Earth Bound Homes, Inc
70. ECHO Systems
71. Ecodeo
72. Electric Violin Shop
73. Elm Island Farm
74. Energy Circle
75. English Hudson
76. Envest Asset Management
77. Equator Coffees
78. Ethical Profit Agency
79. Ethix Merch
80. Evolution Marketing, llc
81. Fairtrade America
82. Fawn Crossing Farms
83. Fervor & Zeal
84. Figure 8 Investment Strategies LLC
85. Florida for Good
86. Four Sisters, Inc.
87. Free Range Beehives. LLC
88. Freedom Economy
89. Garrity Tools
90. GFFMX LLC
91. Global Black Economic Forum
92. Global Gaming Initiative
93. Gold Coast Doulas, LLC
94. Good Business Colorado
95. Good Stuff Partners
96. Green America
97. Green Hammer
98. Green Retirement, Inc.
99. Greenvest
100. Habitus Incorporated
101. Harrington Investments, Inc.
102. Heal Thy Planet LLC
103. HealthBegins
104. Helianthus Books
105. Hello World Devs
106. HigherRing
107. Hightower Group LLC
108. HJKessler Associates

109. HopStudios, Inc.
110. Hot Off The Press; Hot Off The Press, Inc.
111. House Collective
112. Hypha Collective
113. Impact Pathways
114. Ingage Partners, Inc.
115. Integrity Matters
116. Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility
117. International Empowerment LLC
118. Intuitive Digital
119. Journey Mexico
120. KAS Consulting
121. Kit Carlson Coaching LLC
122. Ktisis Capital
123. Lakefront Brewery, Inc.
124. lala books
125. Leadership & Strategy for Sustainable Systems
126. LIFT Economy
127. Liquid Blue, Inc
128. Local Government
129. Longfellow Health Clubs
130. LongView Asset Management, LLC
131. Loureiro Engineering Associates
132. Love Live Local
133. Lover's Tempo
134. LunarLab Benefit LLC
135. LunaTique Boutique
136. Lush Cosmetics
137. Manitobah
138. Manufacturing Renaissance
139. MarieAmbrosia3@hotmail.com
140. Marit Digital
141. Mark M. Deutsch, LLC
142. McPherson Strategies
143. Meaningful Organizational Design, inc.
144. MERGE4
145. Messer
146. Micael Elrod

147. Middle Earth Geoscience
148. Midwest Booksellers Association
149. Mightybytes
150. Mindful & Good; Mindful & Good
151. Modus Persona
152. moonmere llc
153. Mother Earth Medicine
154. Myti
155. Namaste Solar Electric Inc.
156. Nantucket Bookworks & Mitchell's Book Corner
157. Nantucket Vineyard
158. Narrative Food
159. National Small Business Network
160. Natural Capitalism Solutions
161. NerdPress
162. New Copperfield's Book Service
163. New Jersey Sustainable Business Network
164. New Seasons Market
165. New York Sustainable Business Council
166. NewsDesertMB
167. Next Generation of Cystinosis
168. Nia Impact Capital
169. North Carolina Sustainable Business Council
170. Obviouslee
171. OE Consulting
172. Oeco Textiles, Inc.
173. Ohio Sustainable Business Council
174. Pacific Community Ventures
175. Pennsylvania Sustainable Business Network; Pennsylvania Sustainable Business Network (PASBN)
176. People & Planet LLC
177. People First Economy
178. Pete and Gerry's
179. Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance
180. Pilot Digital Marketing
181. Placemaker Hospitality
182. Planet+Purpose Solutions, PBC

183. Possible Planet; Possible Planet | Center for Regenerative Community Solutions
184. Prelove You, Inc.
185. Premiums for the Planet
186. Preserve
187. Profitable Ideas Exchange
188. Provod
189. Public Health Institute
190. Public Inc.
191. Racial Justice Investing Coalition
192. Real Food Store, Inc.
193. Regionomics LLC
194. Regrow Agriculture
195. Responsible Alpha
196. Roads Rivers and Trails
197. RPCK
198. Rufus Moon, LLC
199. Salt Palm Development
200. Sea witch botanical
201. Secure Growth Initiative
202. self-employed
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206. Sequent Management Inc.
207. SharePower Responsible Investing
208. Shift the Prism Advisory
209. Shinebox
210. Silv3r Advisors
211. Silver Lining
212. Singlebrook
213. Small Changes
214. Smith & Connors
215. So Good So You
216. Solaris Energy
217. SoLo Funds.
218. Solutions Through Dialogue, LLC
219. South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce
220. Spirit Filled Press; Spirit Filled Press, Inc

221. Straightaway Cocktails
222. StraightUp Solar
223. SunCoast Painting
224. Support Organization
225. Sustainability Associates, LLC
226. Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts
227. Sustainable Concepts
228. Sustainable Home; Sustainable Home Interior Design
229. Sustainable Hosting
230. Tabeeze, Inc
231. Taitem Engineering, DPC
232. TaxValet
233. TCK Enterprises: PUZZLES & Lewes Gourmet
234. Texas Sustainable Business Network
235. The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn
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237. The colab
238. The Colibrily Crew
239. The GREEN Program
240. The Impact Collective
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242. The Salt Lake Tennis and Health Club
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250. TripZero
251. Turning the Corner
252. Turtle Island Community Capital
253. Two Octobers
254. U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives
255. Underdog Ventures
256. United States Citizenry

257. UnTours
258. Upside ESG
259. UpSpring Associates
260. VA Capital
261. Verdani Partners
262. Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility
263. Vista Global Coaching & Consulting
264. Voro
265. W.S. Badger Company, Inc
266. Warecorp
267. Waterloo Bicycle Works
268. Watershed Partners, GBC
269. We Are All Crazy Here
270. West Paw, Inc.
271. Westfuller
272. Wisconsin Environmental Initiative
273. www.bSymbiotic.com
274. yet2
275. Zego Foods
276. Zeus Jones Minneapolis
277. Zevin Asset Management