



## 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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| 1. 12PointFive                             | 15. AndCo Hospitality               |
| 2. 1worker1vote                            | 16. Architectural Collaborative LLC |
| 3. 970 Design                              | 17. Assent Inc.                     |
| 4. A Seat at the Table Books, LLC          | 18. AUSZI gbc                       |
| 5. Abacus Wealth Partners                  | 19. B Academics                     |
| 6. Acme Nadir Fulcrum and Pivit, Ltd       | 20. B Corp                          |
| 7. Adelsheim                               | 21. B Lab                           |
| 8. Agence Cali                             | 22. B-Line Urban Delivery           |
| 9. Alesia Sea Witch Botanicals             | 23. Bambu                           |
| 10. Alliance for Sustainability            | 24. Bark Media                      |
| 11. AMAZE Coaching LLC                     | 25. Barnickel Co.                   |
| 12. American Citizen                       | 26. Big Mountain Impact             |
| 13. American Independent Business Alliance | 27. Big Sea                         |
| 14. American Sustainable Business Network  | 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

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

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

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| 183. | Possible Planet; Possible Planet   Center for<br>Regenerative Community Solutions | 202. | self-employed  |
| 184. | Prelove You, Inc.   | 203. | self-employed  |
| 185. | Premiums for the Planet   | 204. | self-employed  |
| 186. | Preserve  | 205. | self-employed  |
| 187. | Profitable Ideas Exchange   | 206. | Sequent Management Inc.                              |
| 188. | Provod  | 207. | SharePower Responsible Investing                     |
| 189. | Public Health Institute   | 208. | Shift the Prism Advisory                             |
| 190. | Public Inc.   | 209. | Shinebox   |
| 191. | Racial Justice Investing Coalition  | 210. | Silv3r Advisors                                      |
| 192. | Real Food Store, Inc.   | 211. | Silver Lining  |
| 193. | Regionomics LLC   | 212. | Singlebrook  |
| 194. | Regrow Agriculture  | 213. | Small Changes  |
| 195. | Responsible Alpha   | 214. | Smith & Connors                                      |
| 196. | Roads Rivers and Trails   | 215. | So Good So You                                       |
| 197. | RPCK  | 216. | Solaris Energy                                       |
| 198. | Rufus Moon, LLC   | 217. | SoLo Funds.  |
| 199. | Salt Palm Development   | 218. | Solutions Through Dialogue, LLC                      |
| 200. | Sea witch botanical   | 219. | South Carolina Small Business Chamber of<br>Commerce |
| 201. | Secure Growth Initiative  | 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
236. The Change Climate Project
237. The colab
238. The Colibrily Crew
239. The GREEN Program
240. The Impact Collective
241. The Main Street Journal
242. The Salt Lake Tennis and Health Club
243. The Spotty Dog Inc
244. The Sustainable Business Network of  
Greater Philadelphia
245. Thinkshift Communications
246. TONIC
247. Trebuchet Group
248. Trillium Asset Management
249. Triple Eight Distillery
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
- 276. Zeus Jones Minneapolis
  - 277. Zevin Asset Management

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](http://www.bSymbiotic.com)
- 274. yet2
- 275. Zego Foods