## More than 500 peaceful protesters in Logan, Utah gather to declare "Hands Off!" to Trump and Musk

April 5 was the single largest day of action against the second Trump administration

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Logan, Utah - On Saturday, April 5, approximately 500 Cache Valley and northern Utah residents took to the open space in front of the Historic Cache County courthouse **as part of a nationwide day of peaceful protest**, the largest single day of action since Donald Trump was sworn in for a second term. Organized by the umbrella group HandsOff! participants called on Trump and Elon Musk to take their hands off the programs citizens of Cache Valley and Utah rely on. These passionate calls were echoed at over 1300 events from across the nation. A short video from the events is here: • Logan Utah Hands Off Rally April 5 2025 Still images in this video, and other images, are available, on request.



With Trump and congressional Republicans doubling down on their agenda to gut essential services, everyday people at the Cache Valley event sent clear messages in several dozen short speeches, by hand-writing comments to share with their elected officials, and in protest signs expressing opposition to the harmful actions of the Trump administration. Hands Off our healthcare, Hands Off our Social Security, Hands Off our civil rights, Hands Off our Veterans benefits, Hands Off our freedoms, Hands Off education, and Hands Off our public lands.

Hundreds rallied to underscore the growing and terrifying real-life consequences of these policies and to show how our communities are fighting back. Dozens of planned and impromptu speakers discussed topics including cuts to the Veterans programs for suicide prevention, the damage occuring from reduction of public health programs, support for Ukraine, Canada, and our European allies, support for the rights of LGBTQ people, and threats to our public lands.

Speakers discussed new efforts to develop community engagement, Cache Valley Mutual Aid, protecting the rights of our teachers, firefighters and nurses, and the importance of communicating with elected officials.

People attending the rally were able to post more than 240 notes of concern on note boards set up throughout the venue. Their messages included:

## **YOUR Neighbors are concerned about:**

- Arrests, detention, and deportations-all without due process, without credible accusation of criminal activity
- Unfair tariffs that are costing trillions of dollars to American and the global economy
- Dismantling of the Department of Education, USAID, mass terminations at Veterans Affairs
- Tax Breaks for Billionaires

- Feckless Republican politicians who are complicit in the damage to America's democracy, destruction of our institutions, and are helping to transfer more wealth to the super-rich
- Threats to our allies in Canada, Mexico, Denmark, Greenland, etc. etc. "
- "My kids' future and freedoms!"
- "The unbelievably rapid demise of our Democratic Institutions."

## **OUR WORRIES:**

Free Speech must be protected!

- Trying to erase DEI achievements
- STOP tax cuts for billionaires
- Immigration→ leave people who are hard working immigrants ALONE
- Firing of federal workforce who work in the forest service, public health, healthcare, and provide food for poor children
- Don't vilify transgender people
- Get rid of Musk"
- I'm concerned that President Trump is breaking U.S. laws every day and there is NO consequence. People's rights of all kinds are being eliminated.
- Our benefits are in danger- social security, health care, education, Veterans care, and more.

This protest follows other signs of discontent among many Utahns. HandsOFF Cache Valley was one of ten events in Utah. There were rallies in every state, and several foreign countries. People are organizing in communities, making it clear to all elected officials that they need to stand with them against corrupt and unelected billionaires.

For the national press release, please see: https://handsoff2025.com/millions-turn-out.