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*****Press Statement*****

Trump Administration's Department of Justice Attack on Southern Poverty Law Center is Abhorrent, an Affront to Americans' Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to the Trump Administration's Department of Justice political targeting of the Southern Poverty Law Center, **the Declaration for American Democracy Coalition Co-Directors Christine Wood and Allison Pulliam issued the following statement:**

“Trump and his DOJ's recent targeting of the Southern Poverty Law Center is a blatant attempt to intimidate civil rights organizations from doing the important work of defending Americans' freedom to live free from hate and discrimination.”

“This administration is taking actions to dismantle our civil rights and secure absolute power - free of accountability from watchdogs and organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center, who have a longstanding history documenting hate and violence while standing up for civil rights.”

“Our coalition and the pro-democracy movement will not be intimidated. We will continue to speak up in support of civil rights, and the organizations that for decades secured and protected our rights and freedoms.”

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