Press Release

July 4th Overpass Banners on Interstate 5 to Defend Democracy

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Olympia, Washington — On the morning of July 4th, Evergreen Resistance, a Washington chapter of the 50501 Movement, along with numerous volunteers from our own neighborhoods and other organizations, will be bannering along overpasses along Washington's Interstate 5, from Snohomish County, through the Cities of Seattle, Fife, Tacoma, Olympia, and Grand Mound, all the way to the City of Vancouver. Two dozen large banners will be displayed on overpasses that contain democracy-driven messages for holiday drivers along this route. These banners are grounded in a coordinated effort of non-violent resistance and driven by grassroots coalitions. We are your neighbors, friends, family, and coworkers. And, we're in a struggle for the very existence of our democracy.

In Washington State and nationwide, people are standing up to: the authoritarian executive orders by the Trump Administration; the degrading assault on our immigrant neighbors and due process; the establishment of modern-day concentration camps; the attack on our judicial system; and the recent passage by U.S. Congressional Republicans of the bill most destructive to 99% of the American people, regardless of party. The true impact of this harmful legislation will be felt for years, with millions losing medical coverage or seeing their insurance rates skyrocket, the closure of hundreds of rural hospitals, and millions losing food assistance, all while increasing the nations's deficit by \$3.4 trillion over the next decade. And what's worse: all the funds saved by these draconian cuts will fund our nation's ultra-rich.

The banners displayed along I-5 are a clear exercise of the peoples' 1st Amendment right and our duty to protect our Constitution.

We urge Democratic members of the U.S. Congress to use all the powers that remain to defy this regime at every opportunity, to fight for every single one of us, and to protect our Constitution, human rights, and our liberty at all costs.

We urge every American to remember who enacted the 119th Congress H.R.1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill" and the values they lack when and if we have the opportunity to elect our next leaders, whether it be in local offices, U.S. Congress, or in the Presidential race.

And lastly, we urge every American who values democrary, rule of law, due process, and the safety of our neighbors to get involved, volunteer, and resist the unconstitutional actions of the Trump regime.

This banner event over I-5 was undertaken with the support and by volunteers of multiple local Washington chapters of both <u>Indivisible</u> and <u>Backbone Campaign</u>. Evergreen Resistance appreciates their partnership and solidarity in this fight.

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

What Evergreen Resistance Stands For:

- Upholding the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law.
- Ensuring checks and balances to prevent the consolidation of power in any one individual.
- Supporting local, state, and federal workers for the vital services they provide.
- Defending the inalienable rights of all people, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, and political opponents.
- Protecting the freedom of speech and the right to protest.

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