



We, the undersigned organizations from across Arizona, are writing to urge you to take immediate action to protect the fundamental right to free speech. Recent events, particularly the abduction and detention of Mahmoud Khalil by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), have raised grave concerns about the growing suppression of speech and the targeting of individuals advocating for human rights and justice, especially those who speak in defense of Palestine.

This alarming rhetoric against free speech is not an isolated incident, but part of a broader, dangerous trend. Today, it is human rights advocates for Palestine who are under attack. Tomorrow, it could be those fighting for Black Lives Matter, migrant rights, religious rights, environmental justice, or any marginalized group whose message does not conform to a specific political or ideological standard. History has shown us that when the rights of one group are compromised, the rights of all are at risk. If these tactics are allowed to succeed, no movement or individual will be safe from repression. This is a critical moment for us all to stand firm in defense of the core values upon which our country was founded.

We are deeply concerned that the erosion of free speech, under the guise of national security or political expediency, sets a dangerous precedent that could chill advocacy, activism, and political

dissent across the nation. Such actions undermine the rights of all citizens to voice their beliefs, challenge injustices, and engage in civil discourse.

Now, more than ever, it is essential that we come together to protect free speech, regardless of political or ideological differences. We call on you to take a stand and ensure that Arizona remains a place where free expression is safeguarded, where diverse voices are heard, and where human rights are protected for everyone.

Please act to uphold the values of liberty and justice that make this country a beacon of hope for the world. We ask you to stand with us in defending free speech and the rights of all individuals to express themselves without fear of retribution.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your response and to your commitment to protecting free speech and human rights for all Arizonans.

Sincerely,

Organization:

ACLU of Arizona

Arizona Students' Association

Arizona Democracy Resource Center

Arizona Education Association

Arizona Palestine Solidarity Alliance

AZ AANHPI for Equity

Better Ballot AZ

CAIR-AZ

Creosote Partners

Chispa Arizona

Civic Engagement Beyond Voting

Common Defense

Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim

Education Action Alliance

For All

Fuerte Arts Movement

One Arizona

Our Voice Our Vote Arizona AZ

Phoenix Legal Action Network

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

Poder in Action

Progress Arizona

Palestine Community Center of Arizona

Voter Choice Arizona

Rural Arizona Engagement
Tomorrow We Vote Action
Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)
Wingbeat 88
Worker Power