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Center for Self Governance Statement: **SPLC (SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER)**

Dear CSG Trainees & Donors,

September 10, 2022

Sometime in 2021, SPLC (Southern Poverty Law Center) listed Center for Self Governance (CSG) as “Anti-Government” on their website: <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/antigovernment>. Their slanderous action has financially and reputationally harmed CSG and its Students:

- 1 On May 7th, 2022, CSG was notified by Amazon Smile that our Charity account had been terminated.
 - a. Amazon Smile stated that (1) they rely on SPLC to identify charities that “engage in, support, encourage, or promote intolerance, hate, terrorism, violence, discrimination or discriminatory practices based on race, sex, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation” and that (2) SPLC had identified CSG as one of those charities. (See #1)
- 2 On May 30th, 2022, CSG responded to Amazon Smile by providing evidence contradicting SPLC’s defamation (See #2).
- 3 Between June 5th & June 29th, 2022, Amazon Smile sent several emails indicating they were checking into our evidence (See #3).
- 4 Consequently, numerous CSG trainees, from around the nation, began receiving notifications from Amazon Smile that CSG, their chosen charity, was no longer eligible to receive their donation (See #4).
- 5 As of August 20th, 2022, Amazon Smile has not corresponded with CSG or rectified their May 7th, 2022, action.

SPLC’s defamation of CSG and its students will not go unchallenged.

Our organization clearly states that (1) it is pro-responsible government, (2) does not support political violence for any left- or right-wing political purposes, (3) denounces all racial, sexual, aristocratic, and religious supremacy, (4) teaches both dual and cooperative federalism systems, and (5) does not discriminate against anyone wishing to learn Systematic Politics. (See #5)

Far beyond our concerns for financial and reputational harm caused by SPLC defamation, CSG is gravely concerned about SPLC's training of and intelligence sharing with local, state, and Federal law enforcement entities across the nation. SPLC's definition of "Anti-Government" and legal definitions do not match. Consequently, unsuspecting law enforcement officials, believing SPLC to be an unbiased and non-partisan source, may become unwitting political weapons, on behalf of SPLC, against politically active American citizens – who, like CSG, are not "anti-government."

In December 2019, CSG released a paper, "Political Weaponization of Labels (PWOL) – How Americans become unwitting Domestic Terrorists" (visit CenterForSelfGovernance.com/PWOL). In PWOL, CSG outlined the machinery, including SPLC, for weaponizing the labels: 'Extreme,' 'White,' 'Anti-Government,' 'Terrorists' – as the pre-cursor for weaponizing the United States National Security Apparatus against politically active American Citizens.

SPLC is a central hub for this outrageous labeling.

Consequently, CSG has taken and will take the following actions:

- 1 Retained Legal Counsel
- 2 Seek volunteer Case Law researchers
- 3 Conduct Legal Analysis for Civil Action
- 4 Raise Legal Funds
- 5 Provide CSG Trainees with Counter-Labeling Policy Package
- 6 Seek CSG supporter letters stating the obvious
- 7 Seek CSG supporter contact with Federal Congressmen seeking reform throughout 2023-24

If you would like to support CSG in this endeavor to stop the Political Weaponization of Labels & Government, please do one or more of the following:

- Donate at www.CenterForSelfGovernance.com/Donate
- Send checks to P.O. Box 102, Republic, WA 99166
- Volunteer at Info@TNCSG.org or Call (615)669-8274
- Write a letter (i.e., "To Whom It May Concern" or "Friends of the Court") on behalf of CSG stipulating that CSG is not "anti-government," how you know CSG is not "A-G," and how CSG has helped change or improve your life.
- Contact your Federal Congressmen (both Senator and Representative) with solutions to stop the Political Weaponization of Labels and Government. See our Paper "Political Weaponization of Labels..." at CenterForSelfGovernance.com/PWOL for a list of solutions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at Info@TNCSG.org or (615)669-8274

Yours Humbly and Mutually Pledged,

Lex Howard, Board Member

Bill Norton, Board Member

Mila Wood, Board Member

Matt Brown, Board Member

Zach Brooks, Board Member

Mark Herr, Board Member

Ben Clymer, Board Member - Chairman

Pamela Leslie, Executive Director

#1 CANCELLED

#2 APPEAL

8/17/22, 10:34 AM Fwd: RE:[CASE 10028095581] Eligibility #1

8/17/22, 11:05 AM Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility

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Fwd: RE:[CASE 10028095581] Eligibility

Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility

Pamela <pleslie@tncsg.org> Sat, May 7 2022 10:58:36

Pamela Leslie <pleslie@tncsg.org> Mon, May 30 2022 16:21:02

To: charity-support@amazon.com

To: [REDACTED]

Hello Tori,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: charity-support@amazon.com
Date: May 7, 2022 10:01 AM
Subject: RE:[CASE 10028095581] Eligibility
To: pleslie@tncsg.org
Cc:

>
> Hello Pamela,
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> I apologize for the confusion.

> The AmazonSmile Participation Agreement states that certain organizations are not eligible to participate in AmazonSmile. We rely on the Southern Poverty Law Center to determine which charities engage in, support, encourage, or promote intolerance, hate, terrorism, violence, discrimination or discriminatory practices based on race, sex, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation thus, making them ineligible for the AmazonSmile program. Center for Self Governance has been excluded from the AmazonSmile program because the Southern Poverty Law Center designated the organization as engaging in one or more of the above practices.

> You can read the AmazonSmile Participation Agreement here: <http://org.amazon.com/agreement> and read more about the Southern Poverty Law Center designation here: <https://www.splcenter.org>

>
> Best Regards,
>
> Tori R.
> org.amazon.com

Thank you for your last email.

We respectfully request that our AmazonSmile Charitable account be restored for the following reasons:

- 1) In June of 2019, the Center for Self Governance board put out the following Statement of Purpose regarding "intolerance, hate, terrorism, violence, discrimination or discriminatory practices based on race, sex, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation" (see attached).
- 2) Center for Self Governance is not listed on SPLC's Hate Group database (see attached).
- 3) CSG does not discriminate or limit participation in our training based on partisan affiliation, sexual orientation, religious preference,

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or socio-economic status. Our goal is to advance civic dialogue, increase collective political skill-sets, and promote responsible government of more stability for all natural born persons.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Pamela Leslie
Executive Director

CC: CSG Board

#3 FIRST AS REVIEW

8/17/22, 11:12 AM Fwd: [Case ID 10146703771] *UPDATE* Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility

1 messages mdherr <mdherr@tncsg.org>

Fwd: [Case ID 10146703771] *UPDATE* Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility

Pamela Leslie <pleslie@tncsg.org> Sun, Jun 5 2022 21:00:28
To: Mark Herr <mdherr@tncsg.org>

----- Original Message -----
Subject: [Case ID 10146703771] *UPDATE* Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility
Date: 2022-06-05 18:04
From: "charity-support@amazon.com" <charity-support@amazon.com>
To: pleslie@tncsg.org

Greetings,
Thanks for your continued patience. We are currently researching your issue in partnership with the responsible team and will provide an update as soon as any additional information becomes available.

LAST AS REVIEW

8/17/22, 11:11 AM Fwd: [Case ID 10146703771] *UPDATE* Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility

1 messages mdherr <mdherr@tncsg.org>

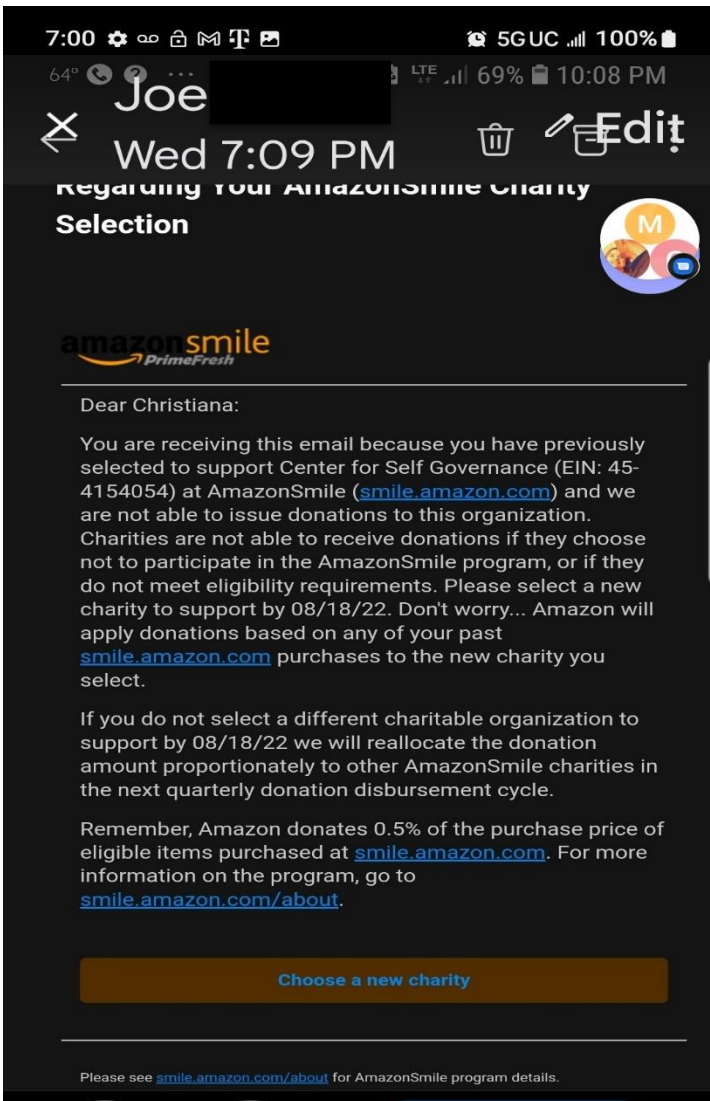
Fwd: [Case ID 10146703771] *UPDATE* Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility

pleslie <pleslie@tncsg.org> Thu, Jun 30 2022 14:53:36
To: Mark Herr <mdherr@tncsg.org>

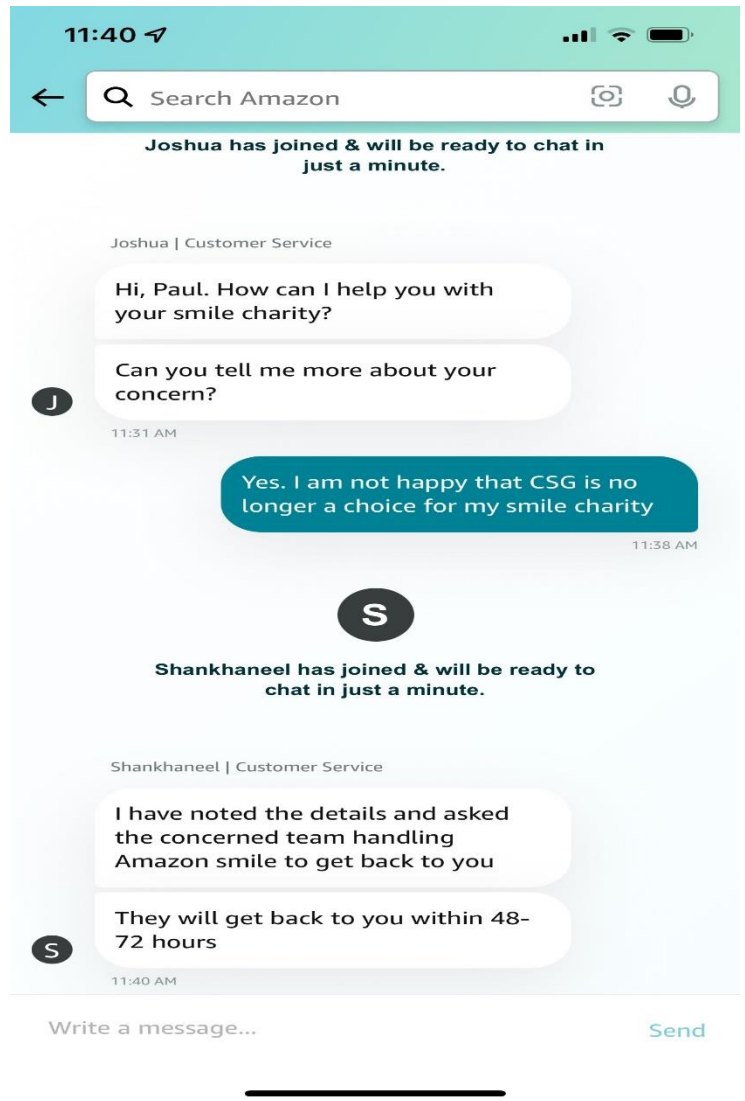
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From: "charity-support@amazon.com" <charity-support@amazon.com>
Date: 06/29/2022, 10:14:42 PM
Subject: [Case ID 10146703771] *UPDATE* Re: [CASE 10028095581] Eligibility
To: pleslie@tncsg.org

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#4 NEW JERSEY DONOR



UTAH DONOR



ARIZONA DONOR

3:48 5G 15%

< AZ, Wayne

 AZ MICHAEL



receiving this email because you have previously selected to support Center for Self Governance (EIN: 4054) at AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) and we are not able to issue donations to this organization. Charities are not able to receive donations if they do not participate in the AmazonSmile program, or if they do not meet eligibility requirements. Please select a new charity to support.


Hey Mark, what's going on with Amazon Smile?



TENNESSEE DONOR

6:35 5G UC 100%

< Karen, Pamela



2:29 94%

smile.amazon.com

amazon smile

We're sorry. Center for Self Governance is not currently eligible to receive donations from AmazonSmile.

Please select a new charity to support. If you have made purchases in support of organizations that are no longer eligible for AmazonSmile, Amazon will apply donations based on these past purchases to the new charity you select.

Learn about eligibility


Choose a new charity

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IDAHO DONOR


Tuesday, Jul 19 • 8:45 AM



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Inbox

 no-reply@amazon.c... 6:25 AM

To: 

Action Required: Please Select a New AmazonSmile Charity

amazon smile


Dear 

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If you do not select a different charitable organization to support in the next 30 days (by 08/18/22) we will reallocate the donation amount proportionately to other fully-registered AmazonSmile charities in the next quarterly donation disbursement cycle.

Remember, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items purchased at smile.amazon.com. For more information on the program, go to smile.amazon.com/about.


Choose a new charity



GEORGIA DONOR

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To Whom It May Concern,

June 12, 2019

The Center for Self Governance (CSG) does not teach, practice, or support (1) any racial or religious supremacy, (2) confrontational civics or politics of any right or left-wing partisan spectrum, or (3) any right or left-wing violence for the advancement of any political, social, religious, or economic change.

CSG teaches 'cooperative' federalism (i.e. 'marble cake') and 'dual' federalism (i.e. 'layer cake') as our primary public effort to promote systematic politics through civics education.

We do not discriminate or limit participation in our training based on partisan affiliation, sexual orientation, religious preference, or socio-economic status. Our goal is to advance civic dialogue, increase collective political skill-sets, and promote responsible government of more stability for all natural born persons.

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