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This affidavit pertains to:

- Education/School
- Medical
- Religious
- Courts/Law Enforcement
- Business
- Media (ie, shadowbanning or creation of a narrative)
- Other, please explain:
Non-Government Organization

Federal Department/s, Agency/ies, or Bureau/s weaponized:

IRS

FBI - DHS

TSA

DOJ

RE: Affidavit of Concern to be shared with the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government

To Whom It May Concern:

Our federal non-profit is listed as ‘anti-government,’ along with our Federal Tax-Exempt EIN, by another non-government organization (SPLC – Southern Poverty Law Center) on its public website¹. Recently, the State of Washington’s Attorney General published a “2022 Domestic Terrorism Study” recommending a study into ‘extremist’ organizations ‘improperly’ obtaining Tax Exempt status². The study uses an ‘extremism’ expert from the SPLC Extremism Advisory Council. We honor SPLC’s free speech rights. However, SPLC has publicly created private ‘anti-government’ labels, definitions, and lists, while publicly stating that it provides ‘key intelligence’ to and ‘trains law enforcement’, about ‘extremist’ organizations, as part of its ‘Hate Watch’ mission³.

We have two (2) primary concerns:

1. Will CSG again be faced with politically incited targeting by the IRS and/or State revenue agencies inspired by non-government organization’s private ‘anti-government’ labels, definitions, and lists?
 - a. CSG enjoined a 2013 lawsuit⁴, and won, against the IRS for unconstitutionally targeting organizations, such as ours –
 - b. At present, CSG is the only federal TAX-EXEMPT non-profit listed on SPLC’s ‘Anti-Government’ list in the State of Washington⁵.
2. Why are executive branch entities relying on privately created labels, definitions, and lists rather than lawfully created labels, definitions, and lists?
 - a. SPLC, in creating its’ own private labels, definitions of ‘criminal behavior,’ and lists of ‘extremists,’ is acting as a private ‘legislature’ outside the checks and balances of authorized legislative bodies (i.e. Congress, State legislatures, county commissions, city councils, and school boards)
 - b. While acting in the capacity of a ‘private legislature,’ SPLC admits it is “training law enforcement officers and sharing key intelligence...”

We have multiple solutions with action:

1. Require executive branch entities rely exclusively on lawfully created labels, definitions, and lists.
2. Require executive branch entities publicly disclose any and all domestic or international non-government entity relationships, whether direct or indirect (i.e. International Strategic Dialogue, Countering Extremism, Anti-Defamation League, etc.)

¹ <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/antigovernment>

² <https://agportal-s3bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/2022%20Domestic%20Terrorism%20Study.pdf>

³ <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate>

⁴ Case no. 1:13-cv-00341

⁵ https://www.splcenter.org/sites/default/files/2021_antigovernment_ein.xlsx

3. Prohibit executive branch entities from, directly or indirectly, relying on privately created labels, definitions, and lists.
4. Prohibit executive branch entities from declaring 'State Secrets' in disclosing non-government relationships
5. Prohibit executive branch entities from creating labels, definitions, and lists as part of its authority under the 1946 Administrative Procedures Act
6. Create lawful distinctions between DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMIST (DVE) and DOMESTIC TERRORIST (DT)
7. Prohibit DHS and FBI from using DVE and DT interchangeably
8. Create lawful definitions for EXTREMISM, ANTI-GOVERNMENT, FAR LEFT, FAR RIGHT, LEFT-WING, RIGHT-WING, and ENEMY
9. Discover whether any Federal Department, Bureau, or Agency has used SPLC, or any other NGO, for education and training as part of its EXTREMISM, HATE, ANTI-GOVERNMENT efforts.
10. Clarify Congressional intention as to which U.S. citizens a DOMESTIC TERRORISM label applies to
11. Prohibit the use or creation of a Federal Domestic Terrorist or Federal Domestic Violent Extremist List that does not have a connection to a Foreign Terrorist Organization (Designated by the Department of State).
12. If a lawful Federal List is created, develop clearly defined and public due process standards (1) for U.S. citizens, (2) for informing individuals or groups labeled and listed, and (3) for the labeled and listed to seek remedy and removal from such a Federal List
13. Clarify the legal distinction between a NGO Extremism List and Federal Extremism List
14. Discover whether the SPLC, or any other NGO, is, or has ever, been consulted by airlines regarding the NO FLY LIST
15. Reduce Liability Protections for NGO's privately creating LABELS, DEFINITIONS, and LISTs that are both public and/or used directly or indirectly by Law Enforcement, where a person or persons constitutionally protected rights were violated

I certify the following is true under penalty of perjury on this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Printed Name

Signature (to be signed in front of the Notary Public)