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**CSG Concern: NGOs behaving as 'state actors'**

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To Whom It May Concern,

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Our organization is gravely concerned that certain US-based NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) are (1) behaving as 'state actors,' (2) circumventing due process rights, (3) undermining equal protection of the law guarantees, (4) creating private 'legal' definitions, (5) publishing public lists of US citizens and groups based on private 'legal' definitions, and (6) obfuscating Congressional and State legislative intent, authority, and oversight.

Evidence demonstrates these certain NGOs are:

1. Weaponizing cooperative Federal, State, and Local law enforcement
2. Weaponizing cooperative private corporations
3. Weaponizing cooperative State-funded universities
4. Targeting certain elected officials
5. Targeting certain U.S. citizens
6. Targeting certain U.S. groups/organizations

To support our allegations, CSG has compiled evidence of NGO weaponization of labels and government at <https://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL>.

Our organization became aware of this problem on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, when AmazonSmile cancelled CSG's charity status based exclusively on a NGO (SPLC (Southern Poverty Law Center) labeling CSG 'Anti-Government.' Apparently, sometime in 2021, SPLC labeled and listed Center for Self Governance (CSG) as "Anti-Government" on its website:

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

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, CSG demanded SPLC retract the "anti-government" label and delist CSG from their website for the following reasons:

1. SPLC's consultations and training of local, state, and federal Law Enforcement and collaboration with States Attorney Generals paints CSG and its students as 'enemies' of the State. SPLC's action amounts to an inappropriate weaponization of private definitions and public government.

2. CSG has repeatedly and publicly stated that it is (1) pro-responsible government, (2) rejects all forms of racial supremacy, (3) does not teach, or engage in hate, political violence, or coerce or intimidate any civilian population or government policy, (4) does not discriminate or limit participation in our training based on partisan affiliation, sexual orientation, religious preference, or socio-economic status, and seeks to (5) advance civic dialogue, (6) increase collective political skill-sets, (7) promote responsible government of more stability for all natural born persons, and (8) teach 'cooperative' federalism (i.e. 'marble cake') and 'dual' federalism (i.e. 'layer cake') as its primary public effort to promote systematic politics through civics education.
3. SPLC's influence on corporate organizations have caused financial and reputational harm to our organization.

To be clear, it is not our organization's intention to disrupt or undermine legitimate national safety and security concerns. Nonetheless, we believe implementation of the suggestions listed below would help prevent labels and government being used as weapons against political opponents and ordinary citizens:

- A. Definition of 'Domestic Terrorism' is too broad
- B. 'Domestic Extremism' lexicons need reform
- C. Law Enforcement 'Terrorism' and 'Extremism' Training need checks & balances
- D. Intergovernmental Cooperation Protocols, for 'Extremism' and 'Terrorism' need checks & balances
- E. Non-governmental participation in 'countering extremism' needs public-private restrictions and liability re-evaluation

We ask that Federal, State, and Local investigations, hearings, and reforms are vigorously pursued to ensure civil rights are safe-guarded, political discourse and education is respected and protected, law enforcement is not politically weaponized, and that 'government of more stability,' one that balances 'dual' and 'cooperative' federalism, is guaranteed for all partisans, religions, races, sexes, etc., for many generations to come.

Thank you for your prompt attention to our important concern. We look forward to your urgent response and immediate resolution. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Zoe Warren (CSG PWOL-G coordinator) at [Info@TNCSG.org](mailto:Info@TNCSG.org) or (615)669-8274

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