

# ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES *to* **MEET** *The* **MOMENT**

**ORGANIZING** FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

**ORGANIZING** FOR REPAIR


**ORGANIZING** FOR DEMOCRACY

**ORGANIZING** FOR FREEDOM



**JOIN THE PEACE BUILDING MOVEMENT.**

**LIVEFREE**



**LIVE FREE EXISTS TO END GUN VIOLENCE, MASS INCARCERATION, AND THE OVER-CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES — AND TO BUILD REAL SAFETY ROOTED IN PEACE, HEALING, JUSTICE, EQUITY, REPAIR, AND COMMUNITY POWER.**

*We envision a future  
where we all can **LIVEFREE***

# 2025 REQUIRED MEETING THE MOMENT

ORGANIZING PEOPLE. MOBILIZING RESOURCES. BUILDING POWER.

## *The Moment We Are Facing*

**Democratic retrenchment** accelerated — by design.  
A systematic **rollback of rights, protections, and public responsibility.**

Civil rights, freedoms and voting rights narrowed through courts, rulemaking, and enforcement discretion  
.....

Democratic power distorted through redistricting, administrative barriers, and legal constraint  
.....

Anti-discrimination frameworks weakened by restricting how race, history, and harm could be named or remedied  
.....

Public investment in care — housing, health, food, education, violence prevention — reduced, frozen, or redirected



# 7 WAYS LIVE FREE

*Met the Moment*



**ORGANIZING FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY · REPAIR · DEMOCRACY · FREEDOM**



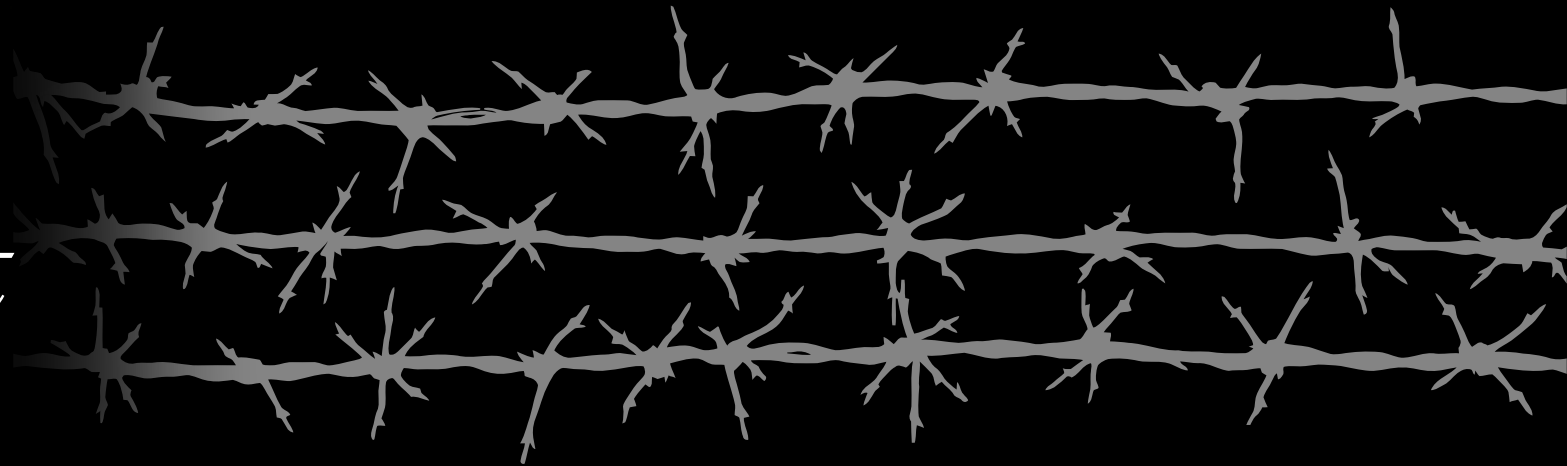
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# RECLAIMING PUBLIC INVESTMENT

RESOURCES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, HEALING, AND REPAIR

→ *Threat*



**GOVERNMENT  
CUT MORE THAN  
\$800M**

FROM COMMUNITY SAFETY





*IMPACT*

# \$67+ MILLION

\$67+ MILLION has been moved into communities for community violence intervention, crisis response, and housing.

LIVE  
FREE



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# ORGANIZING POWER

## MI \$15M+

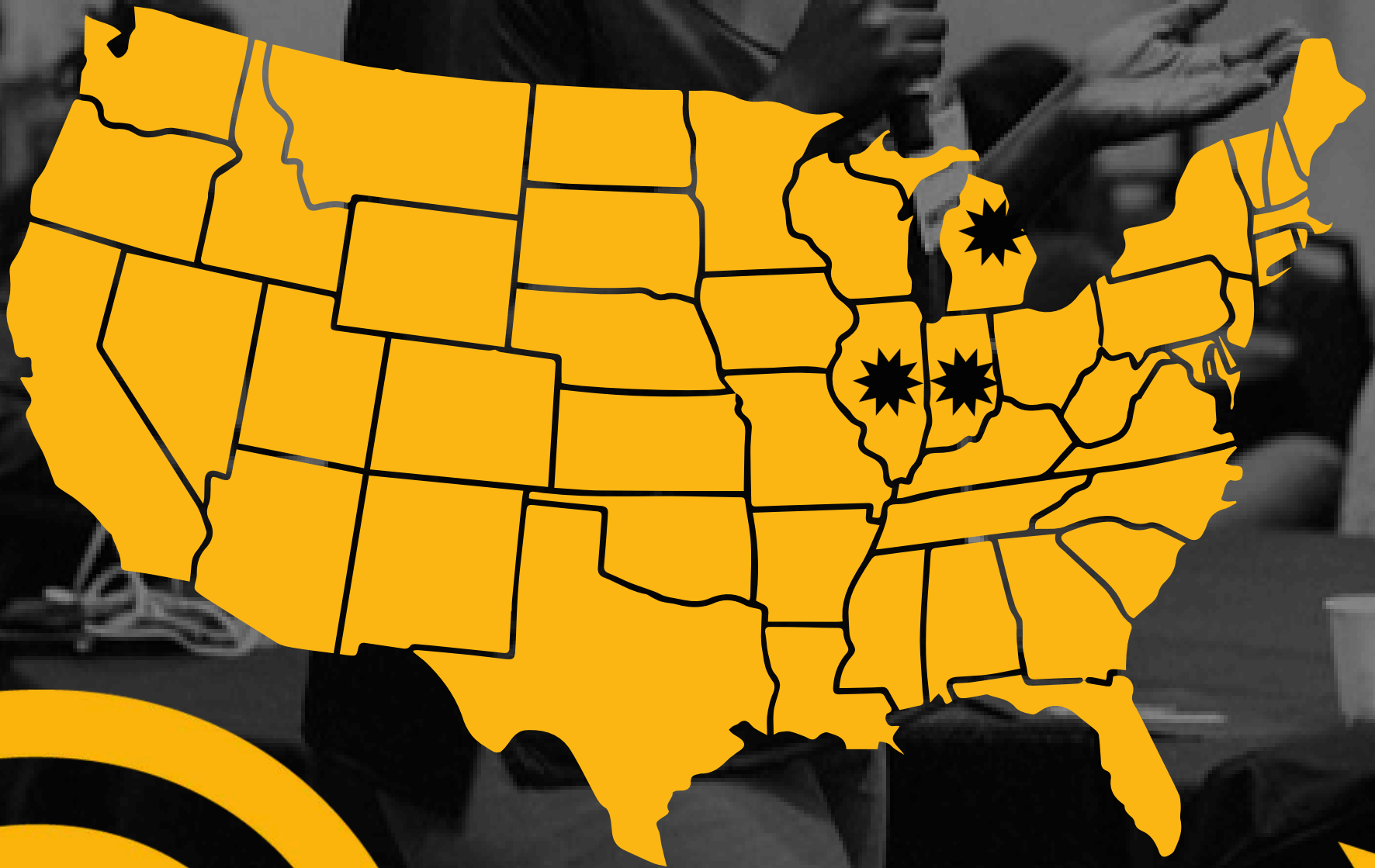
Michigan: \$15M+ secured for community violence intervention grants across three state budgets

## IN \$17M

Indiana: \$17M secured for community violence intervention, non-police crisis response, and ending chronic homelessness

## IL \$3M

Illinois: \$2M secured for Community Healing Resource Centers





# ORGANIZING FOR POLICY WINS

LAWS PASSED, HARM STOPPED, AND COMMUNITY POWER PROTECTED



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→ *Threat*

*A national policy climate built to*  
**SHRINK RIGHTS,  
NARROW ACCOUNTABILITY,  
AND CHILL NONPROFIT POWER**



— WHILE ENFORCING MANAGEMENT AND PUNISHMENT AS “PUBLIC SAFETY.”

→ *Impact*

# 10+

**10+ Pieces of Legislation** passed or protected — advancing community-led safety, transparency, redemption, and repair.

→ *Organizing Power*

# 19.8K

**19.8K actions** taken by Faith leaders, directly impacted leaders, and state coalitions to help shift and shape policy.





*FEDERAL*

**NONPROFIT ADVOCACY & CIVIC  
AND POLITICAL POWER  
DEFENDED**



*H.R. 9495*  
**STOPPED**

H.R. 9495 — THE FEDERAL “NONPROFIT  
KILLER/CHILLER” BILL — WAS  
STOPPED, PROTECTING NONPROFIT  
ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING FROM  
NEW RESTRICTIONS.

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**5,064**

5,064 ADVOCACY MESSAGES SENT TO  
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ACROSS **32**  
**STATES.**

*FEDERAL*

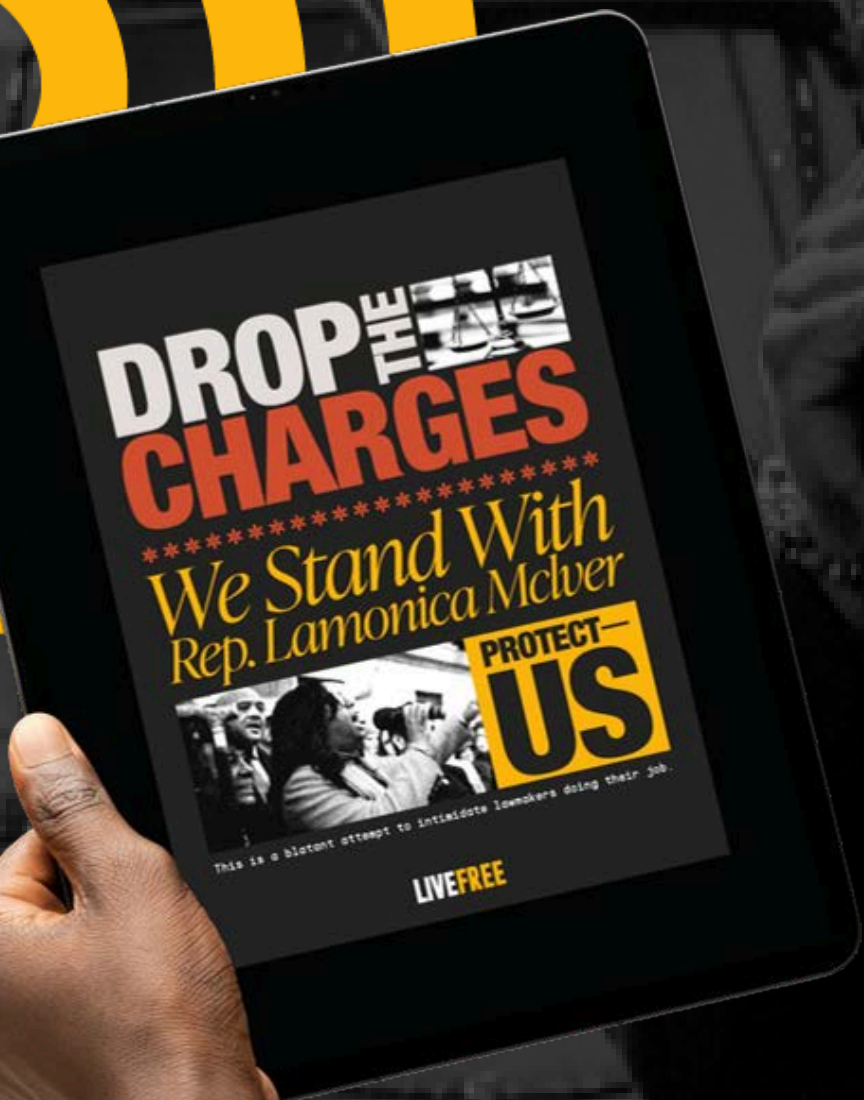
**STANDING WITH REP. LAMONICA  
MCIVER TO STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION  
OF PROTEST & OVERSIGHT**

**1,759**

*Clergy letters sent to  
federal decision-makers*

**500 CLERGY SUBMISSIONS  
ACROSS 31 STATES**

LIVE FREE organized a national clergy and community response demanding that the charges be dropped after Rep. Lamonica McIver joined clergy and fellow elected officials in an official oversight visit to the Delaney Hall ICE detention facility in New Jersey.



# LIVEFREECA

STATE: CALIFORNIA — REPARATIONS:  
FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND WINS

## SB 518 & SB 437 ✓ PASSED

**8,620**  
**12.8K**

8,620 letters sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom urging signature of reparations bills.

12.8k total letters delivered to California decision-makers over the full legislative session.

**9**

9 Community Economic Mobilization (CEMI) policies passed, expanding local economic repair and community safety.

**5**

All 5 reparations-related bills moved out of the Suspense File, despite coordinated budget and narrative opposition.

2 California  
Reparations  
infrastructure bills  
signed into law:  
SB 518 and SB  
437

Established the first  
state-level  
reparations  
implementation  
framework in the  
nation

Statewide policy  
tracking tool  
launched,  
strengthening long-  
term advocacy  
infrastructure



LIVEFREE

STATE: ILLINOIS — CLEAN SLATE PASSED, HOMICIDE DATA LAW ENACTED, \$2M SECURED FOR HEALING

HB 1210 HOMICIDE DATA TRANSPARENCY ACT

PASSED

HB 121 unanimously, establishing public reporting requirements to improve homicide clearance transparency statewide.

Advocated and advanced alongside Senator Robert Peters and community partners.

CLEAN SLATE LEGISLATION

PASSED

Expanding record relief and reducing long-term barriers.

\$3M

Community Healing Resource Centers (CHRCs) to support community-based violence prevention, trauma recovery, and healing infrastructure.

Additional legislation supported: Karina's Bill, Fines & Fees Reform, CASPA Act and SALT Act. Successfully executed 3 of 7 recommendations from 2024 clearance rate report.

# LIVEFREE COALITIONS

STATE: MICHIGAN — CVI INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVED,  
MILITARIZATION BLOCKED, COMMUNITY SAFETY PROTECTED

## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION SERVICES (OCVIS) PRESERVED

protecting Michigan's statewide CVI infrastructure from budget cuts.

### 25% OF \$35M+

25% of \$35M+ in state public safety funding secured for proven Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, ensuring resources reached community-based safety efforts instead of enforcement expansion.

State funding banned for militarized law enforcement tools, including: Military-grade vehicles, Facial recognition technology and Chemical weapons.





# HISTORIC REDUCTIONS IN SHOOTINGS AND HOMICIDES PROVE COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION WORKS

VIOLENCE DECLINED WHERE COMMUNITIES INVESTED IN PREVENTION — NOT PUNISHMENT

*Threat* ←

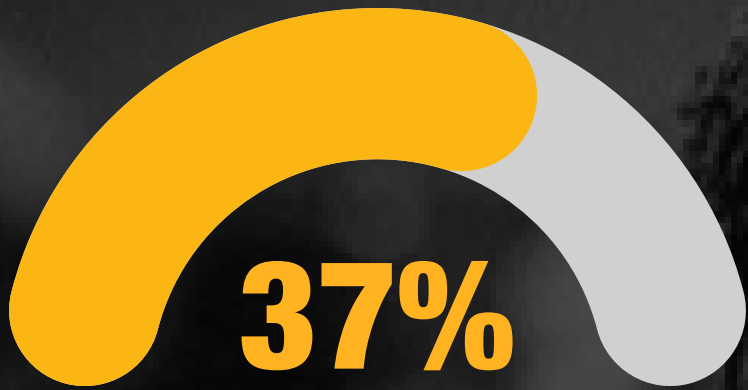
The country is being dragged back toward a **punishment-first** “**public safety**” narrative — more policing, more surveillance, more criminalization — while prevention gets defunded, discredited, and cut.

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→ *Impact*

**HISTORIC DROP IN SHOOTINGS AND HOMICIDES.**

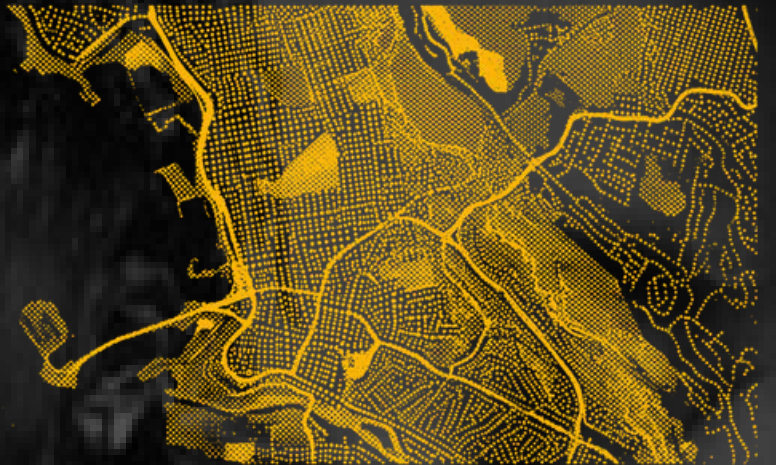
# BERKELEY, CA



**REDUCTION IN SHOTS FIRED**

**100%**

**REDUCTION IN SHOOTINGS AND HOMICIDES**



# ORLANDO, FL

**REDUCTION IN HOMICIDES OVER THREE YEARS**

**88%**



## *Organizing Power*

**Organized communities made prevention possible.**

Protected and expanded CVI funding through state and local budget fights

Built and sustained credible-messenger leadership pipelines

Anchored CVI infrastructure inside public systems to prevent defunding

Coordinated faith, community, and policy leaders to defend prevention during political retrenchment



Communities saved themselves — while the state expanded punishment. LIVE FREE organized the conditions that allowed prevention to work.



# EXPANDING FREEDOM BY BUILDING PEOPLE POWER

ORGANIZING, MOBILIZING, AND DIGITAL POWER ACROSS 40+ STATES

→ *Threat*

**Democratic participation was deliberately constrained. Across federal, state, and local levels:**

.....  
**voting access narrowed**  
.....

**protest and dissent criminalized**  
.....

**civic engagement reframed as “risk” or “extremism,”**  
.....

**communities of color targeted through surveillance, intimidation, and administrative barriers**

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# Impact

PEOPLE ORGANIZED ANYWAY — AT SCALE.

19,691

ADVOCACY MESSAGES SENT TO DECISION-MAKERS

5,500+

UNIQUE ACTIONS TAKEN NATIONWIDE

3,300+

NEW PEOPLE JOINED THE MOVEMENT

12,300+

EVENT SIGN-UPS ACROSS 40+ STATES



87%

87% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RATE FOR LIVE EVENTS



97%

97% POSTIVE FEEDBACK



60%

60% FIRST-TIME ADVOCATES

## Organizing Power



Moved people from **one-time action** → **sustained organizing** → state and national campaigns

Launched and scaled statewide clergy organizing tables in **OH, GA, MI, NJ, DMV, and CA**

Trained hundreds of organizers and faith leaders through national bootcamps an convenings

Supported **16 states** committing to build a shared base of **288,000 people**

Integrated **digital tools** (NGP VAN + Mobilize) to connect advocacy, events, and leadership pipelines

# NETWORK EXPANSION

# LIVE FREE OK

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LIVE FREE OKC expanded into **LIVE FREE Oklahoma**, extending organizing from a city base to **statewide reach**.

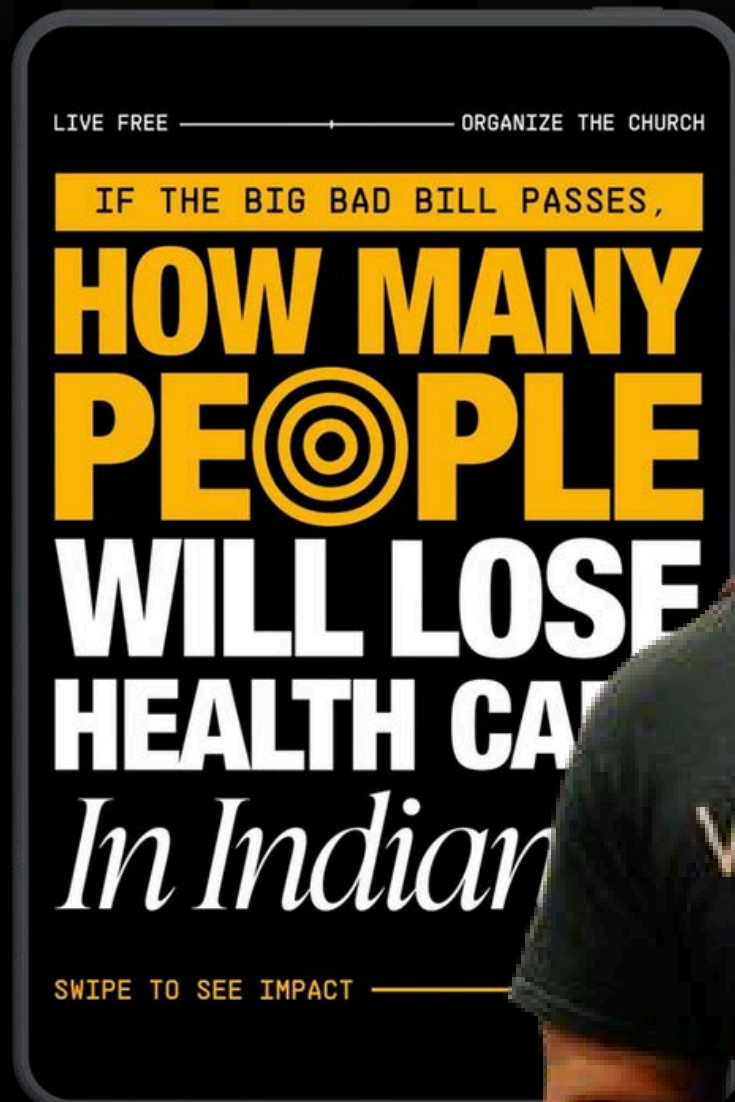


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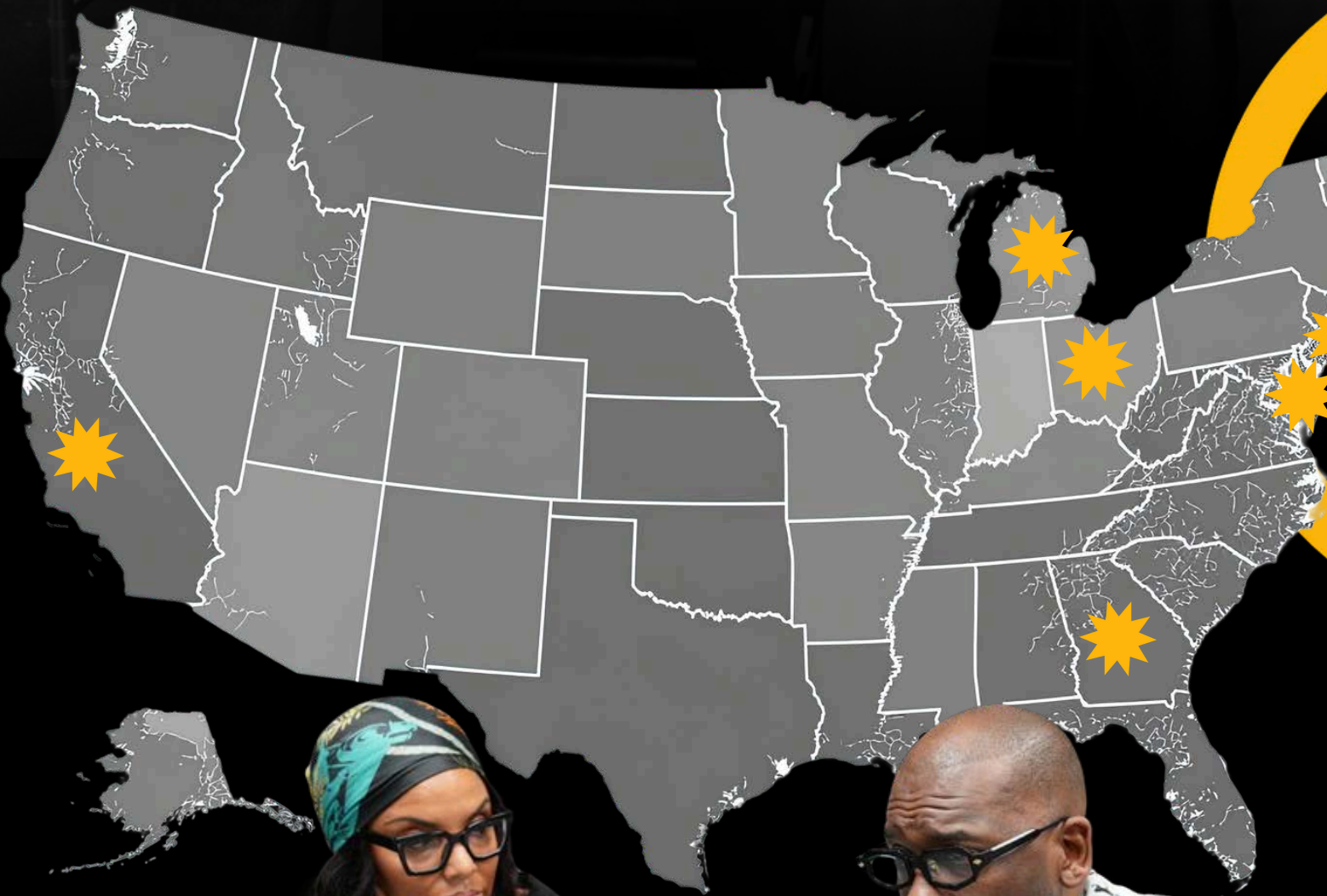
Indiana coalition efforts formalized into **LIVE FREE Indiana**, establishing an official state affiliate.



# NETWORK EXPANSION

LIVE FREE California's **Berkeley** efforts established the **Credible Messenger Leadership Academy**, investing in leadership development, violence interruption, and regional CVI coordination.

Statewide clergy organizing tables launched in:  
Ohio · Georgia · Michigan · New Jersey · DMV · California





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## LEADERSHIP, TRAINING, AND CONVENING UNDER PRESSURE

EQUIPPING FAITH AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO  
RESPOND UNDER CRIMINALIZATION AND  
AUTHORITARIAN THREAT

### → *Threat*

As public systems retreated from care and democratic norms eroded, communities faced intensified criminalization, surveillance, and repression — particularly through **state violence and the hands of federal agents and immigration enforcement, policing, and the targeting of protest, faith leaders, and organizers.**

Meeting this moment required trained leaders, capable of protecting communities, organizing under pressure, and sustaining movements in hostile conditions.



**PRESENTS**

# **ORGANIZE THE CHURCH**

**MONDAY AUGUST 11TH AT 7PM EST**



**NATIONAL ORGANIZING HUDDLE**

**4,530 SIGN-UPS**

## **ORGANIZE THE CHURCH — NATIONAL FAITH & ORGANIZING INFRASTRUCTURE**

LIVE FREE's flagship national recurring organizing space for clergy, faith leaders, organizers, and community members navigating public safety, democracy defense, and community protection.

- 4,530 total registrations
- Monthly national organizing space with participants from 40+ states
- Focused on public safety, criminalization, democracy defense, and coordinated action
- Served as the primary on-ramp for faith leaders entering sustained organizing



*Impact* ←



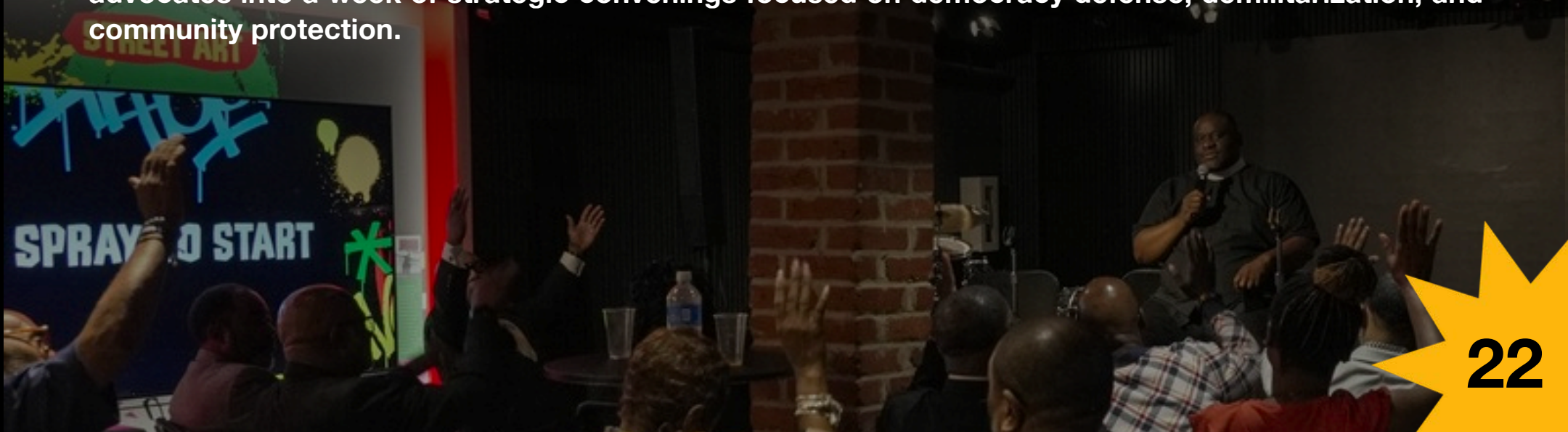
**ALC-54 — CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS  
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

**268 MOBILIZED TO  
WASHINGTON DC**

**NATIONAL POWER, POLICY, AND FAITH ORGANIZING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference (ALC-54) is one of the most influential Black political convenings in the United States, bringing together Members of Congress, national civil rights leaders, faith institutions, policy organizations, and grassroots movements in Washington, D.C. to shape the Black political agenda.

In 2025, amid escalating threats to democracy, civil rights, and public safety, LIVE FREE organized a coordinated national presence at ALC-54, mobilizing faith leaders, organizers, and community advocates into a week of strategic convenings focused on democracy defense, demilitarization, and community protection.





**DEMOCRACY, DEMILITARIZATION & PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFING CO-ORGANIZED WITH THE QUINCY INSTITUTE**

LIVE FREE co-organized with policy partners, including the Quincy Institute, the session examined militarization, policing, surveillance, and federal threats to civil liberties—connecting foreign policy, domestic safety, and community-based alternatives.

**ALC-54 FAITH LEADERS STRATEGY CONVENING**

LIVE FREE organized the ALC-54 National Faith Leaders Strategy Meeting, convening clergy and faith leaders from across the country alongside legislators and thought leaders.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY POWER SESSIONS GO-GO MUSEUM**

LIVE FREE hosted civic engagement and community power sessions at the Go-Go Museum, equipping organizers and faith leaders with tools for voter engagement, base building, and coordinated action beyond the conference.



# NATIONAL CONVENING & BOOTCAMP — CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF LIVE FREE

LIVE FREE convened national leaders for multi-day training, strategy, and movement alignment, culminating in a 15-year anniversary and awards celebration.

- **459 total registrations**
- Trained organizers, faith leaders, and community leaders from across the country
- Culminated in a **15-Year Anniversary & Awards Celebration**
- Participants collectively committed to reaching **288,000 people by 2026**

# NATIONAL TRAININGS, ORGANIZING SPACES & ACTIVATIONS

Alongside flagship convenings, LIVE FREE sustained year-round leadership development and organizing through national trainings, rapid-response briefings, and recurring organizing spaces that moved people from participation into practice.

**SAFETY, COMPLIANCE & SECURITY FOR OUR CHURCHES** — **136 SIGN-UPS**

**SO YOU WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE? BUILDING ELECTORAL POWER** — **165 SIGN-UPS**

**WHAT'S NEXT? THE "BIG UGLY BILL" & BEYOND** — **150 SIGN-UPS**

**SAFETY & SECURITY IN SACRED SPACES** — **352 SIGN-UPS**

**ECONOMIC RESISTANCE COMMITTEE STRATEGY MEETINGS** — **450 SIGN-UPS**

**THE UNDERGROUND — STATEWIDE ORGANIZING HUDDLE** — **525 SIGN-UPS**

**BERKELEY COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION COLLABORATIVE** — **562 SIGN-UPS**

**LIVE FREE POWER HOUR** — **188 SIGN-UPS**

**ALL HANDS ON DECK / POP-UP POWER HOUR** — **121 SIGN-UPS**

**DEAR COMMUNITY — FAITH, CULTURE & JUSTICE CONVERSATION** — **83 SIGN-UPS**

**BLACK MEN UNITED — COMMUNITY CONVENING** — **80 SIGN-UPS**

**COOLJC CONFERENCE — VOTER ENGAGEMENT TRAINING** — **120 LEADERS TRAINED**

# → Organizing Power



## ORGANIZING FUNNEL

### ENTRY — REACH & ACCESS

12,300+ event sign-ups  
Entry points through trainings, briefings, and convenings nationwide

**12,300+**  
EVENT SIGN-UPS

### ENGAGEMENT — SKILL-BUILDING & ALIGNMENT

Individuals who attended, returned, or engaged across multiple spaces

**6,738**  
UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS

### ACTIVATION — SUSTAINED ACTION

Participants who moved into repeated action, organizing, or leadership roles  
34% conversion rate from participation → ongoing engagement

**2,279**  
SUSTAINED ADVOCATES

### POWER — INFRASTRUCTURE & SCALE

40+ states reached through coordinated organizing  
8 recurring national organizing series anchoring year-round leadership development

**40+**  
STATES REACHED

### OUTCOME — 2026 MOBILIZATION CAPACITY

288,000 people committed to be reached in 2026  
Through 18 anchor organizations and denominations pledging to mobilize their bases in defense of democracy, community safety, and collective freedom

**288,000**  
PEOPLE COMMITTED TO BE REACHED  
IN 2026



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# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

ALIGNING MOVEMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE MOMENT

→ *Threat*

As authoritarian governance intensified, institutions were intentionally fragmented — isolating communities, weakening coalitions, and undermining collective response across movements.

*Impact* ←

LIVE FREE strengthened national coordination by co-convening and partnering with aligned movements, platforms, and institutions

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STATE OF THE PEOPLE



LIVE FREE

## STATE OF THE PEOPLE – NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE COLLABORATION

### LAUNCH MOMENT: 72-HOUR NATIONAL BROADCAST: TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE STATE OF THE PEOPLE

LIVE FREE partnered in the official launch of State of the People through a 72-hour national broadcast marathon during the 2025 State of the Union.

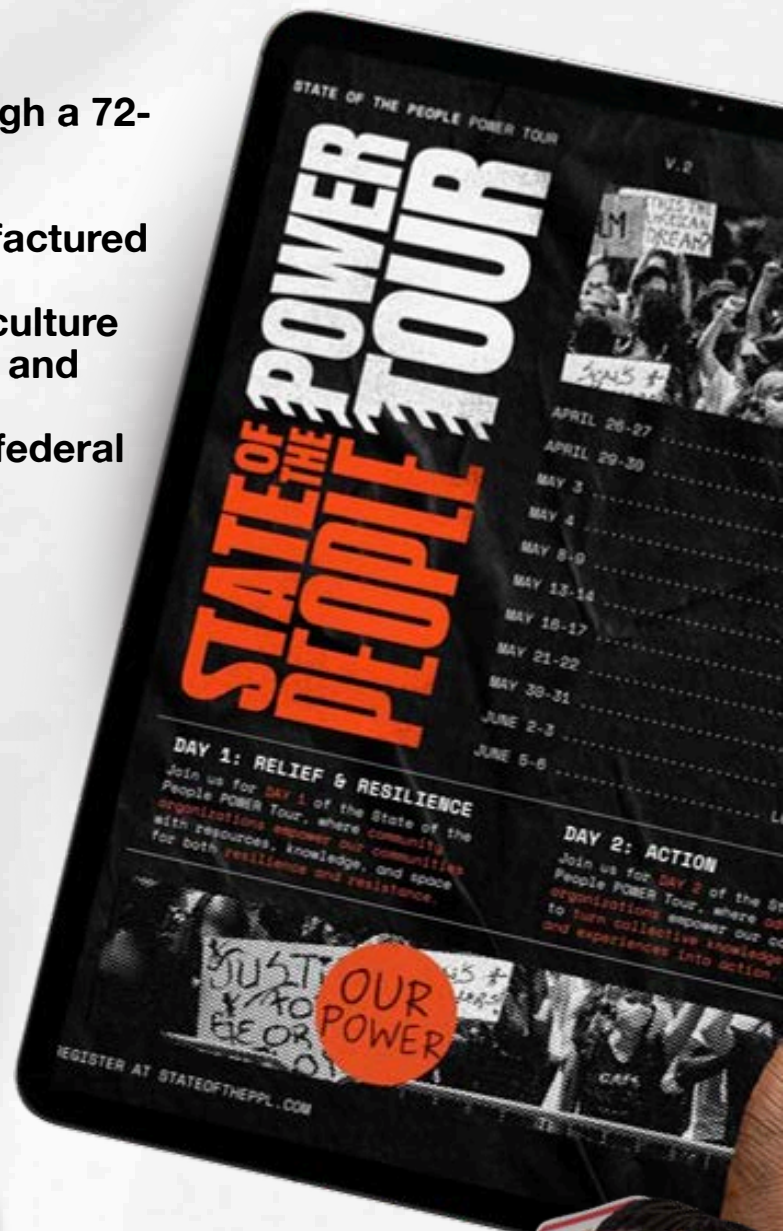
- Offered a truth-telling alternative to federal messaging
- Countered political disinformation, democratic erosion, and manufactured narratives
- Featured national voices across faith, civil rights, law, media, and culture
- Reached tens of thousands of viewers through shared livestreams and partner platforms

This marathon reframed the moment – shifting public attention from federal spectacle to the real conditions facing communities.

### POWER TOUR: A NATIONAL ORGANIZING TOUR TO BUILD ALIGNMENT AND COLLECTIVE ACTION

LIVE FREE collaborated in a 10+ city national tour over 90 days, expanding the State of the People message from broadcast to on-the-ground organizing.

- Built regional alignment across organizers, faith leaders, artists, and policy advocates
- Strengthened local infrastructure for democracy defense and community safety and transformed national narrative into local action, deepening relationships and shared strategy across regions





**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY — BALTIMORE: COORDINATING MORAL LEADERSHIP UNDER POLITICAL REPRESSION**

The tour culminated in an in-person National Assembly in Baltimore.

LIVE FREE organized a dedicated national faith leaders convening within the Assembly to:

- Align clergy leadership around democracy defense and community protection
- Coordinate moral response during intensified repression and disinformation
- Strengthen faith-rooted collective action at a national scale

**STATE OF THE PEOPLE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

ORGANIZE THE CHURCH **CLERGY LUNCH HUDDLE**

Fri. June 20, 2025  
12:45-2:45 PM

BALTIMORE

RSVP [Stateofthepl.com](http://Stateofthepl.com)



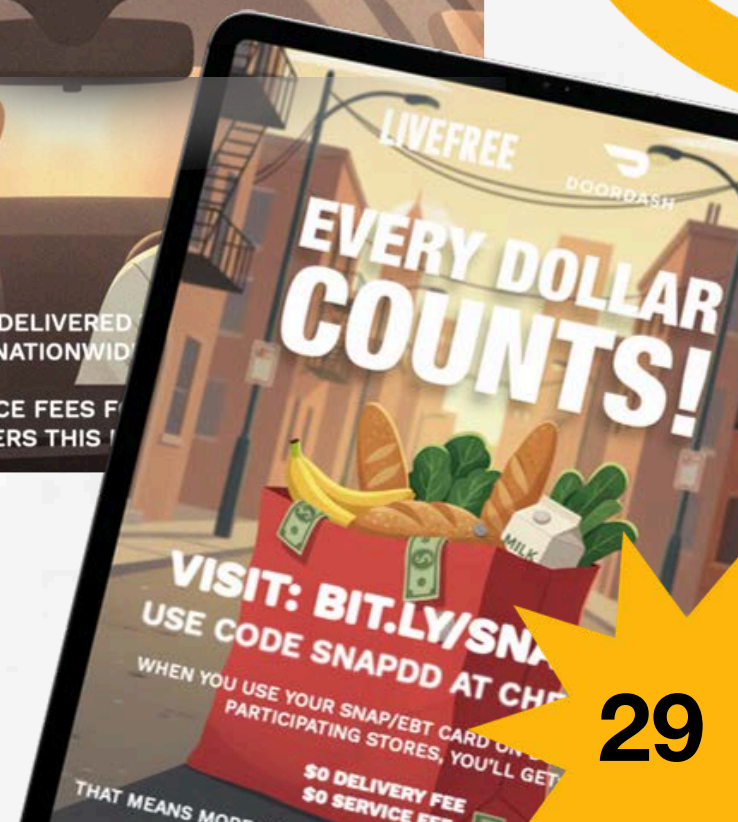


## LIVE FREE \* DOORDASH: PROTECTING FOOD ACCESS DURING FEDERAL RETRENCHMENT

### PARTNERED WITH DOORDASH TO EXPAND GROCERY ACCESS FOR FAMILIES USING SNAP/EBT

This partnership ensured families could access food with dignity when public systems faltered.

- Delivered \$0 delivery + \$0 service fees on qualifying grocery orders
- Responded to growing food insecurity amid federal instability and benefit uncertainty
- Framed food access as community safety infrastructure, not charity
- Reached families nationwide through coordinated digital and community outreach



## THE ROOT \* LIVE FREE: NATIONAL MEDIA AMPLIFICATION OF COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS

### THE ROOT FEATURED LIVE FREE'S DOORDASH PARTNERSHIP IN A NATIONAL STORY

- Amplified LIVE FREE's narrative linking violence prevention, food access, and safety
- Reached a national Black audience through trusted media infrastructure
- Elevated community-led responses during a period of political and economic pressure

CULTURE

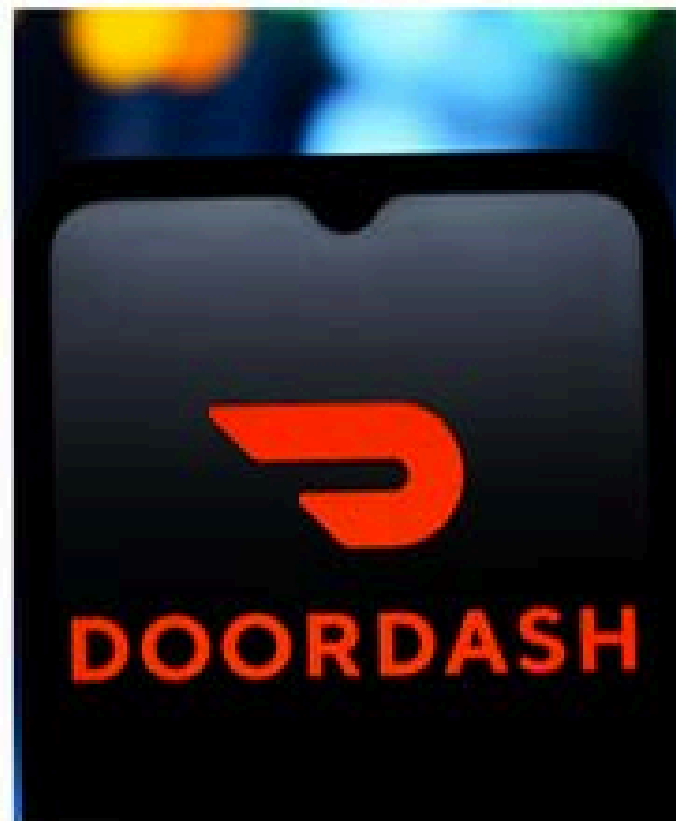
## Anti-violence Organization LIVEFREE Partners With DoorDash to Deliver Fresh Food to Needy Families

As millions of families are suffering from food insecurity, one anti-violence organization is doing the right thing. LIVEFREE has formed a special partnership that will deliver food to those who need it most.

By [Angela Johnson](#) Published November 14, 2025



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## WE AIN'T BUYING IT – NATIONAL ECONOMIC RESISTANCE CAMPAIGN

PARTNERED ON NATIONAL ECONOMIC RESISTANCE +  
BOYCOTT MOBILIZATION

LIVE FREE partnered with We Ain't Buying It to mobilize coordinated economic pressure and consumer boycotts in response to corporate and political complicity in racial, economic, and democratic harm.

- National boycott campaign activating consumers to disrupt harmful corporate behavior
- Coordinated digital actions, mass call-ins, and public pressure targeting major corporations
- Centered Black-led economic resistance as a tool for political accountability
- Linked economic power to democracy defense, labor rights, and community safety
- Mobilized faith leaders, organizers, and everyday people to leverage collective buying power



**THE PROPHETIC CONVENING – NATIONAL FAITH ORGANIZING & DEMOCRACY DEFENSE**

**WORLD AIDS DAY — NATIONAL FAITH PUBLIC HEALTH CONVENING**

LIVE FREE helped convene World AIDS Day programming to mobilize faith leaders on public health equity, stigma reduction, and justice-rooted community care.

**1700+** SIGN-UPS

- 29,085 total streaming views (live + restream)
- 546 registrations (combined platforms)
- Faith, health, and justice leaders mobilized in a national truth-telling convening

**29K +** STREAMING VIEWS

**500 +** SIGN-UPS



**CO-CONVENED NATIONAL FAITH TRAININGS ON DEMOCRACY DEFENSE, REPAIR, AND ECONOMIC RESISTANCE**

LIVE FREE co-convened a national faith leadership training series focused on democracy defense, reparative justice, and economic resistance.

- 1,742+ total registrations across the Prophetic Convening series
- Equipped leaders to resist authoritarianism, protect communities, and counter disinformation

**BLACK CLERGY & PROPHETIC CONVENING SUMMIT — DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DIVINITY**



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## BUILDING POWER AND TAKING ACTION IN 2026

FROM MEETING THE MOMENT TO MOBILIZING FOR WHAT COMES NEXT



### *THE MOMENT AHEAD*

The United States is entering a period of intensified state violence and political repression.

Civil rights protections are being rolled back.

Protest, dissent, and oversight are increasingly criminalized.

Communities closest to harm are facing heightened surveillance, enforcement, and displacement — with little accountability.

In 2025, LIVE FREE met the moment by organizing people, mobilizing resources, and building durable infrastructure across states.

That work laid the foundation for what comes next.

In 2026, LIVE FREE is moving from defense to scale — expanding organizing capacity, deepening leadership, and mobilizing communities to protect democracy, defend community safety, and build collective power.



# LOVE FREE

**LIVE FREE. LOVE FREE. — 2026**  
**A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY,  
FIGHT AUTHORITARIANISM AND BUILD COLLECTIVE  
POWER FOR FREEDOM**

LIVE FREE is on a mission to LOVE FREE—engaging nearly 300,000 people across the nation to defend democracy, defeat authoritarianism, and build collective power so our communities can LIVE FREE.

We are organizing 1,000 congregations nationwide, alongside coalitions, faith leaders, community leaders, and organizers acting as PEACEMAKERS, to take action together in this moment.

*Join the LOVE FREE movement.  
Take Action Now in a city near you.*

**JOIN US**

**LIVEFREELOVEFREE.COM**

**TAKE THE PLEDGE**



**TAKE ACTION  
WITH LIVEFREE.**

**FUEL OUR WORK**

**DONATE**

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where we all can LIVEFREE*