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COALITION OF WESTERN STATES

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Subject: Coalition of Western State Condemns Imprisonment of Jake Ryan and the Gross Mistreatment of Political Prisoners

The Coalition of Western States is a group of concerned legislators, local government representatives, sheriffs, attorneys, and concerned citizens dedicated to the restoration of the Sovereignty of the States through education and legislation. The **Coalition of Western States** strongly condemns the unconstitutional actions of government agencies at the county, state and federal levels that resulted in the recent death of an innocent, peaceful protester, who did not have a warrant for his arrest when the unlawful, unconstitutional, but lethal use of force was authorized.

The Coalition of Western States also strongly condemns the imprisonment of American citizens who dared to pursue their constitutionally protected rights including young Jake Ryan. It is clear that the federal government is evincing a design to destroy the right to protest and the right to keep and bear arms. These inviolable rights ultimately also include the right of civil disobedience.

We are deeply troubled by the decision of the federal government to aggressively pursue the prosecution of a young man who wished to practice his rights guaranteed to him by this nation's constitution. We are dismayed at this government's persecution of this young man for what amounts to nothing more than joyriding, while simultaneously allowing known terrorists to be set free from Guantanamo only to rejoin terrorist forces to murder again.

The Coalition of Western States (COWS) will vigilantly ensure that the rights of the political prisoners are protected during this unconscionable legal aggression. We expect these malicious prosecutions will be defeated in court.

We are likewise outraged by the appalling treatment of those already arrested.

Solitary confinement for no reason, lack of access to the commissary including soap and toothpaste, intentionally depriving the inmates of books, news, and other reading material, denial of the constitutional right to a speedy trial, and other clearly demeaning actions are unacceptable.

We demand the immediate removal of all remaining political prisoners from solitary confinement in the Henderson Detention Center.

We also demand the immediate pardon and release of the political prisoners and those persecuted Americans charged but released listed below:

Steve Hammond
Dylan Anderson
Sandra Anderson
Sean Anderson
Jeff Banta
Schuyler Barbeau
Jason Blomgren
Ammon Bundy
Cliven Bundy
David Bundy
Melvin Bundy
Ryan Bundy
Gregory Burluson
Brian Cavalier
Blaine Cooper
Shawna Cox
Travis Cox
Gerald Delemus
Scott Drexler
Duane Ehmer

Dwight Hammond
Eric Flores
David Fry
Wesley Kjar
Corey Lequieu
Richard Lovelien
Micah McGuire
Kenneth Medenbach
Joseph O'Shaughnessy
Eric Parker
Jason Patrick
Ryan Payne
Jon Ritzheimer
Jake Ryan
Peter Santilli (Journalist)
Geoffrey Stanek
Steven Stewart
Darryl Thorn
Neil Wampler
Jason Woods

Todd Engel

To our fellow Patriots: Print these names off. Post them on your refrigerator, at your business, at your church and pray for their release. Our prayers of support continue to pour out for Jake, the Ryan family, and the families of all political prisoners in this troubling time.

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