

# THE INTERDEPENDENCE PROJECT

## Governance Through Care, Grounded in Justice

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**"This is not a resistance movement. It is a blueprint for an updated Declaration of Interdependence predicated on Five Pillars of Freedom."**

We talk a lot about freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, the right to vote. And these matter — deeply. But most people know: freedom on paper and freedom in your life are two very different things. **Real freedom must be lived every day, not just written in law.** We propose something simple and radical: Government exists to protect people and safeguard their basic human rights — not to serve the wealthy, impose a religion, or be captured by those with enough money to buy it.

*For our children, we must build a world of care.*

### THE FIVE PILLARS OF FREEDOM

The bedrock of a just society — equal in importance, interdependent in practice.

<b>1</b> <b>SECURITY</b> Food, shelter, healthcare, safety & ecological stability	<b>2</b> <b>PURPOSE</b> Meaningful work or activity that gives life direction	<b>3</b> <b>RELATIONSHIPS</b> Family, friends, colleagues & community bonds	<b>4</b> <b>CONTRIBUTION</b> Making a difference for families and communities	<b>5</b> <b>AUTONOMY</b> The freedom to shape our own lives
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### WHAT WE STAND FOR

- Healthcare, childcare, housing, and education as foundations of freedom
- Climate justice and ecological stability as fundamental to Security
- An economy designed for well-being, not profit margins
- Race, religion, gender, and identity honored as sources of dignity
- Truth-based public education, free from censorship
- Transparent, accountable institutions — no special rules for the powerful
- Democracy where every vote counts and power is held to account

### THE FRAMEWORK — FIVE PARTS

- Part I — Five Pillars of Freedom
- Part II — Declaration of Interdependence
- Part III — Constitutional Roadmap (11 Policy Areas)
- Part IV — Partnering in the Community
- Part V — Legislative Measures Against Authoritarian Power

### THE ECONOMY OF CARE

The **Economy of Care Governance Act** — Section VII: Fiscal Policy & Economic Democracy — applies Modern Monetary Theory insights to federal budgeting. A sovereign government is constrained by real resources — labor, materials, ecological capacity — not by arbitrary financial limits. Public spending is evaluated by its contribution to human well-being, not by deficit arithmetic.

**Economic Democracy** means that economic decisions — what gets funded, what gets built, who benefits — are made in the interests of all people, not just those who hold wealth.

This means we can afford: A Federal Job Guarantee (living-wage employment on demand); universal healthcare; tuition-free public education K–16; Green New Deal infrastructure; and affordable housing as a guaranteed right.

### COUNTERING AUTHORITARIAN POWER

Three forces threaten democracy: foreign authoritarian influence (Russia/China using social media, bots, and disinformation); domestic oligarchs (monopoly, deregulation, captured government, and the unchecked power of the largest asset managers); and Christian nationalism. The framework provides concrete legislative counter-strategies for each.

**Our Promise:** We will work together to build a society where truth guides us, power is shared, and every person can live with dignity, freedom, and a meaningful voice in shaping their future. No one is invisible. No one is disposable. No one is above the law.

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