

Trusted friends of ActBlue,

Earlier today, around 9amPST/12pmEST, we were notified by allies and partners that the Trump administration was going to issue an Executive Order (EO) aimed at ActBlue. Our team sprung into action and made every preparation from a legal and communications perspective. However, we were unable to proactively share with our community because we did not know what would be in the EO, nor did we have confirmation that it was, in fact, happening. Nonetheless, we worked toward a 2pmPST/5pmEST issue time, tuning in with bated breath. Throughout the afternoon and as we watched a livestream waiting for the EO to be announced, our Customer Service teams were receiving several requests to wire money, which we are happy to oblige via our normal process. Afterall, we are facilitating the movement of your money. As the day ended with no EO issued, two things are apparent to us as we reflect on today's fire drill:

1. We are ready for whatever is next from the Far Right. We are prepared to defend YOUR voice in the direction and future of our country. We are buoyed by our mission every single day and now, more than ever, we feel the weight of democracy resting on our shoulders. This is a privilege we proudly embrace. We are committed to continuing to provide a safe and seamless experience for our millions of grassroots donors. 2. The current strategy of distraction and exhaustion is effective. We see this across the country and are not immune to this ourselves. The flow-on effect from the initial innuendo of the EO caused many in the ecosystem anxiety and distress.

If we look past rumors and innuendo, here is what we know to be true:

Nothing will deter or interrupt ActBlue's mission and work to enable millions of Americans to participate in our democracy. There is an ongoing and persistent effort to weaken the confidence of the American people in what's possible. This is the next version of "the big lie." More than 28 million Americans participate in our democracy through our platform.

We are not going to sit back idly and let their voices be silenced. And neither are you – donors have given more than \$400 million to Democratic candidates through ActBlue over the first three months of this year, representing the most money raised in any first quarter in our two-decade history.

It will take all of us to win the future that we deserve, and this is an opportunity where we must choose to act together.

We invite you to join us. It is time for us to unify – as Americans – and create a powerful blue wall to fight against the creeping despotism of the Right, and to win back power in Washington D.C and the halls of government across the country. If you want to support ActBlue, donate here.

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