



Peace and Freedom Party of California

Legislative Committee

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Honorable Assemblymember Devon J Mathis
California State Capitol, Room 2111
Sacramento, CA 94249-0026

Subject: AJR 23

Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Mathis:

I am writing to you on behalf of Peace and Freedom Party of California which first qualified for the ballot in California in January 1968. For over 50 years, Peace and Freedom Party has been working to expand democracy and oppose authoritarianism in our state. Therefore, we are opposed to AJR 23, the resolution to designate groups and organizations acting under the banner of "Antifa" as domestic terrorists. Such a resolution is an attack on freedom of speech and any form of dissent or opposition, especially considering since "Antifa" is not an actual organization and just an acronym for "Anti-Fascism". Such a resolution would be labeling anti-fascism as terrorism and would enable more violent acts from right-wing extremist groups and individuals on anyone considered "left-wing."

Peace and Freedom Party and many other working-class people and organizations are committed to advocating against fascism and hateful ideologies. Statistics have shown that white supremacist and far-right terrorism is much more prominent, violent, and deadly compared to any "attacks" from Antifa. There have been no deaths at the hands of anyone labeled as "Antifa", but the same cannot be said about white supremacists.

While there is an extreme amount of right-wing extremist and white supremacist groups that are known for their violent and murderous history, "white supremacist terrorism" is only mentioned once in this resolution and that is without giving any examples of white supremacist terrorism. An obvious example is the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) but there are other groups such as the Atomwaffen Division, a violent Neo-Nazi organization. It has been reported the KKK has murdered nearly 4,000 black people since its inception, and yet, they are not considered domestic terrorists. And the Atomwaffen Division talks about overthrowing the government by violent means, its members have been held responsible for several murders, and planned terrorist attacks. and yet, they are also not considered domestic terrorists.

Peace and Freedom Party stands firmly against all forms of fascism and against attacks on dissent or opposition. We are committed to bringing forth equality among all the people. We strongly urge you to reconsider AJR 23 since it is merely an attack on the right of speech and the right to assemble or more precisely anyone considered "left-wing" or "anti-fascist".

Thank you for your consideration. If you or a member of your staff would like to discuss our objections to AJR 23, please contact me at (916) 422-5395 or CTWeberVoters@att.net.

Sincerely,

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