

**STATEMENT OF BRUCE FEIN IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN AL
GREEN'S HOUSE RESOLUTION 1486 AGAINST PRESIDENT DONALD
TRUMP**

I salute Congressman Al Green's political courage. He is reminiscent of the 56 signatories to the Declaration of Independence who signed their death warrants to secure unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and government by the consent of the governed.

Congressman Green's impeachment resolution exposes the transformation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB), at the direction of President Donald Trump, into a xenophobic Gestapo. With impunity and a tacit promise of presidential pardons, ICE and CPB operate with masks, commonly in civilian garb, to kill, assault, detain, search, terrorize or deport in violation of due process, freedom of expression, and the right to privacy secured by the Fourth Amendment. These are not flukes. They are systematic industrial scale violations evocative of Kristallnacht in 1938.

United States citizens and immigrants are both vulnerable. Dissidents from Mr. Trump's gospel are treated as enemies of the state subject to merciless government retaliation. President Trump's immigration lawlessness has no limiting principle—one step short of the dictatorships of Russia, China, and North Korea.

If President Trump is not impeached and removed from office, we will all eventually come within his cross-hairs. Reflect on the somber words of Pastor Martin Niemoller, who served time in a Nazi concentration camp:

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me.

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