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### **National Lawyers Guild Legal Community 'Day of Action' Against Trump Administration Set Friday Across U.S. Including at Sacramento Federal Courthouse**

**SACRAMENTO, Ca.** – The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) – including the Sacramento Chapter – is sponsoring a day of action for the legal community Friday/Feb. 17 to express solidarity with the growing movements against the Donald Trump Administration and its white supremacist agenda.

**The Sacramento NLG is holding an event at 12:15 p.m. FRIDAY/Feb. 17 at the Robert Matsui Federal Courthouse (501 I Street),** joining lawyers, legal workers, law students, and law professors in front of courthouses across the country – from New York and Boston to San Francisco and Los Angeles – in coordination with the [nationwide #GeneralStrike](#).

“We are facing unprecedented attacks on our most fundamental human rights and are seeing the unfolding of authoritarianism before our eyes. The legal community has no choice but to show up, to defend our communities and to fight back by holding our institutions accountable,” said NLG President and Latino Justice PRLDEF Associate Counsel Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan.

"In the three weeks since Donald Trump has taken office, we have seen a flurry of executive orders targeting immigrants and intensifying law enforcement; racist, unqualified millionaires appointed to the nation's highest positions; assaults on the press, and 'alternative facts' presented as truth. However, we have also witnessed communities engaging in profound organizing and direct action—from the streets to airports and schools—to reject the current administration and disrupt business as usual. On February 17, we're taking the resistance to courthouses.

“It is crucial for the legal community to come together to provide support for resistance movements against the current administration. We must fight back against the legitimization of racial and religious bigotry, xenophobia, Islamophobia and misogyny that violate the core principles of democracy,” said NLG Executive Director Pooja Gehi.

A total of 25 legal organizations are participating in the event as cosponsors, representing diverse fields including immigration, racial justice, mass incarceration, LGBTQIA rights, and civil liberties and human rights. #LawStrikesBack actions have been planned at courthouses in more than a dozen cities.

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*The National Lawyers Guild, whose membership includes lawyers, legal workers, jailhouse lawyers, and law students, was formed in 1937 as the United States' first racially-integrated bar association to advocate for the protection of constitutional, human and civil rights.*