

# And Still I Rise.....

## Sister's *Call To Action* In Solidarity with “The Squad”



Congressional Representatives (L-R) Rashida Tlaib-Palestinian American/Michigan; Ayanna Pressley-African American/Massachusetts; Ilhan Omar-Somali American/Minnesota; Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez-Latina American (Puerto Rico)/New York

The Sexual Predator on Pennsylvania Avenue in his recent vicious attacks on “The Squad”: Ilhan Omar, Ayana Pressley, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Rashida Tlaib, told these women of color to “go back to their crime-infested” countries. All of these women are American citizens. All of these women are proud of their heritage and work for their respective communities. All of these women are being attacked because they fight for the working class, challenge white supremacy, and patriarchy and because they are women. They dare to be women who have political conviction around their support of Palestine, their support of Venezuela, and their denunciation of Trump’s border camps.

***We call on all women and their communities to join us in solidarity with “The Squad” by signing this letter***, asking others to sign this letter, and joining us on August 31st in a solidarity march and rally with “The Squad” in Greenville, NC. These women who are Somali, African American, Puerto Rican, Arab, Muslim, and non-Muslim have fought together for the interests of all communities: workers, women, Latinx, Black, Muslim, LGBTQ, straight, and immigrants against the rich and powerful. If we allow any one of our communities’ human rights to get picked off and pitted against each other, we will all lose. An Injury to one is an injury to all! The march and rally will also commemorate the murder and honor the life of Emmett Till and his courageous mother Mamie Till-Mobley, 64 years after the 14 year old’s brutal lynching on August 28, 1955.

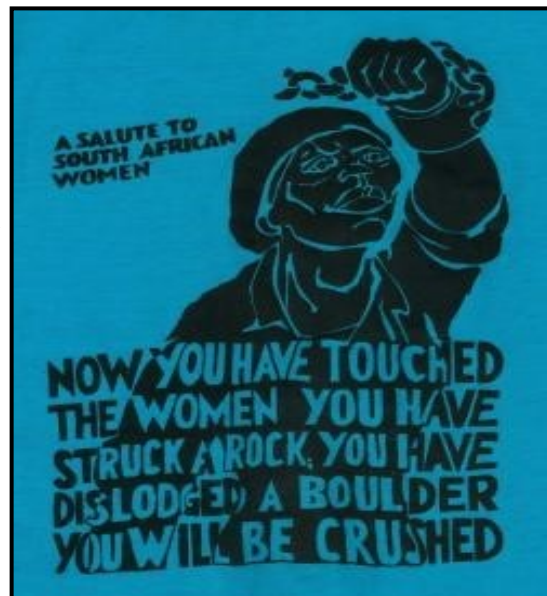
Trump has tried to erase their legal status as U.S. citizens and tries to make them “the Other.” As we have seen with racist U.S. policy “*The Other*” dies in prisons. “*The Other*” suffers in cages. “*The Other*” is shot down in the street. “*The Other*” dies face down drowned in raging rivers seeking the asylum that the Statue of Liberty promised.

But it goes deeper than that. The economic system of the United States and the fascist policies that maintain it were built into how the black population has been controlled and contained from the inception of the U.S. in order to guarantee the free and exploited labor of African people from slavery in the 1700s to Jim Crow, during the 1960s, and through today. During slavery, Black women were forced to re-produce the slave labor force. This is the foundation of this country.

Trump is attacking women like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib because they dare to question and fight against America's unjust economic past and present.

Trump also attacks reporters and undermines a free press. It is dangerous when one man wants the public to believe that he is the only person to be trusted. This is a hallmark of fascism. Blaming "the Other" as the cause of low wages, unemployment, high rent, high utility bills, high deductibles is what Mussolini and Hitler in WWII did and is what Trump is doing now.....Blaming "*The Other*" is what fascism does.

We stand with them in solidarity and show our collective outrage by signing this letter, asking others to sign this letter, and joining us on August 31st, 2019.



## **March and Rally**

**In Solidarity with the Elected Representatives Tlaib, Pressley, Omar, Ocasio-Cortez  
(aka...“The Squad”)**

***Under Attack by the Trump Administration***

***Saturday, August 31 at Noon***

***Thomas Foreman Park (5th & Nash)***

***Greenville, North Carolina***

***For more info call: 252-907-4443***

ENDORSEES SO FAR (8/17/19):

-NC Black Women's Roundtable

-SpiritHouse, Durham, NC

-Muslim Women For, Raleigh, NC

-Muslims for Social Justice

-Rosa Saavedra, Companeras Campesinas, Raleigh, NC/Puerto RICO

-Women's Commission, Black Workers For Justice

-Nathanette Mayo, former pres., UE 150, Fruit of Labor, Raleigh, NC

-Rukiya Dillahunt, former president, Wake ACT; board, Fertile Ground Food Co-op, NC

-Naeema Muhammad, NC Environmental Justice Network, Rocky Mount, NC

-Willie Roberts, Coalition Against Racism, Greenville, NC

-Gloria De Los Santos

-Larsene Taylor, DownEast Coal Ash Coalition, former pres., UE150, Blueprint, Goldsboro, NC

-Erin Dale, Raleigh, NC

-Lora Tate, Grifton, NC /BWFJ/BWVG

-Shafeah M'Baliala, BWFJ, MSJ, IJAN, Rocky Mt., NC/Savannah, GA

-Ashaki Binta, BWFJ, North Star Services, Cambridge, MD

-Naa Norley-Adom, Durham, NC

-Kathy Knight, BWFJ, Tillery, NC

-Action NC RAGE

-Jaki Shelton Green, Mebane, NC

-Shemekka Ebony, Raleigh, NC

-Black Workers For Justice

-Tanya Wallace-Gobern, National Black Workers Centers Project, Raleigh, NC

-Kim Eng, MD, Rocky Mount Racial Justice Group, Rocky Mount, NC

-Evelyn Powell, Edgecombe Co. Board of Commissioners, Battleboro, NC

-Coalition Against Racism, Greenville, NC

-Patrice Jacobs, Pres., Long Leaf Chapter, NC Public Service Workers Union, UE150, Wilson, NC

-Sekia Royal, Vice Pres., NC Public Service Workers Union (UE Local 150)

-Southerners On New Ground (SONG)

-Tonjur McDuffie, Goldsboro, NC

-Hattie Gatlin, Goldsboro, NC

-Fatimah Afif Adekola, Philadelphia, PA

-Rose Brewer, Phd., Twin Cities, MN

-Jaribu Hill, JD., Greenville, MS

-Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Phd., Atlanta, GA