



Media Advisory

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Oakland Privacy Statement of Support For September 9th Prison Strike

Oakland - Oakland Privacy strongly supports the National Prison Strike, which begins today Sept. 9, and issues this statement in support.

While Oakland Privacy is primarily committed to ensuring that people's privacy is not invaded by the state, our commitment extends to the protection of the full gamut of civil rights and liberties - all of which are violated by prisons, jails, and correctional facilities.

We deplore the conditions in this country's prisons, especially but not exclusively those which violate the 6th Amendment proscription against cruel and unusual punishment, and the use of what amounts to the slave labor of prisoners by the State.

Oakland Privacy is a citizens coalition that works regionally to defend the right to privacy and enhance public transparency and oversight regarding the use of surveillance techniques and equipment.

For more information on Oakland Privacy, see the website at www.oaklandprivacy.org.

Background:

Prisoners across the US have called for and are planning a nationally coordinated work stoppage and protest on September 9th.

The call to action can be found [here](#) . It says:

"Our protest against prison slavery is a protest against the school to prison pipeline, a protest against police terror, a protest against post-release controls. When we remove the economic motive and grease of our forced labor from the US prison system, the entire structure of courts and police, of control and slave-catching must shift to accommodate us as humans, rather than slaves".

For more information on the September 9th Prison Strike, see the website at <http://supportprisonerresistance@noblogs.org>

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