



## **Victims of Cicero Statement**

We have a message for tech billionaire Joe Lonsdale and the Cicero Institute:

We are here representing Victims of Cicero across the country. We are community leaders from Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, New York, and Grants Pass, Oregon. We come from states that have pushed policies to ticket and arrest people too poor to afford a place to live, instead of fighting to make housing more affordable, stop evictions, or ensure people have a place to live.

We've lived through the policies that Joe Lonsdale and the Cicero Institute push. We've been ticketed just for trying to survive. We've been harassed by police for having nowhere else to go. We've had our belongings destroyed by police.

The Cicero Institute makes our communities less safe! You don't care about policies that actually work to help people — like housing, services, or health care. You just want us gone — out of sight, out of mind, and behind bars.

### **Joe Lonsdale: We see you and the billionaire agenda!**

You make your profit off the pain of poor people by pushing policies that keep us homeless. You invest in private prisons to lock us up. You helped create Palantir, to help police and ICE surveil our communities and detain people. You own Promise, to monitor us when we are finally released from jail.

This is not care. This is not justice. This is cruel and shameful. And we are here today to tell you: **Joe Lonsdale and Cicero, the Victims of Cicero see through your lies! We refuse to be treated like criminals because the cost of housing and living is so high. And we refuse to let the billionaire agenda win!**