



# Civil Liberties Defense Center

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The Civil Liberties Defense Center seeks to strengthen progressive movements for social and environmental justice. Thus, we express our consternation with the discriminatory and divisive views that have been publicly accredited to Lierre Kieth and the Deep Green Resistance organization (DGR). Our movements must learn to work together with respect, and the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) should exemplify an environment that encourages a strong and healthy mass movement. The CLDC stands in solidarity with those who have opposed Keith as a keynote speaker, primarily due to concerns that Keith's and DGR's presence at PIELC prevents the conference from being an inclusive safe space. Keith and DGR's attempts to further marginalize and disrespect transgendered people/activists is unacceptable, and will certainly put them on the wrong side of history, as civil and human rights continue to fortify within the queer and trans communities. As longtime participants and supporters of the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, we look forward to a conference, and a movement, that strives for inclusivity and respect for all who choose to defend the earth.

In solidarity,

**The Civil Liberties Defense Center**

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