

# DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION

*Through community action*

## FINDING WITNESSES

### Finding Witnesses

Ideal witnesses will have knowledge and authority about the federal government and the impact of the recent downsizing. Individuals directly impacted are essential voices to showcase. Another important perspective is the Constitution, the rule of law, and checks and balances.

**Maps and lists of local impacts will help you find issues and witnesses:**

[The Impact Map](#) is collecting stories from across the USA. You can find local organizations on this map and contact them for potential witnesses.

Membership organizations provide information linking local to federal:

- The [National Association of Counties](#)
- [National Governors Association](#)
- [US Conference of Mayors](#)
- [National Conference of State Legislators](#)
- [National League of Cities](#)
- Stories of federal employees who have lost their jobs:
  - [TrumpCostsAmerica](#)
- Map of the [science impacts](#) nationwide of slashing research and development budgets.
- [FedScienceImpacts](#) tracks the loss of science and technology expertise
- [National Young Farmers Coalition](#) is a national network of rural voices. [RuralOrganizing](#) as well.
- The [Federal Workers Union](#) has up-to-the-minute information, stories of loss, and contacts.
- Impact stories from [Health and Human Services](#)
- This [Impact Map](#) collects stories of federal public service loss from across the USA.

Nonprofit membership groups provide information about local impacts. For example:

- [AARP](#) on Social Security

- [Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities](#) for research grant cuts
- The [American Library Association](#) for cuts to our public library system
- Kaiser Family Foundation on [Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program](#) (CHIP)
- The [National Education Association](#) has contact information for your state. Call and ask for local data.
- The [National Parks Conservation Association](#) or the [Sierra Club](#) has information on how the
- Executive Orders will impact our public parks.
- Look for regional organizations, like [Reimagine Appalachia](#) or [New Mexico Main Street](#).