AS GEORGE W. BUSH is inaugurated for a second term, let it not be said that people in the United States secretly acquiesce in the face of this shameful corruption of power, greed, and intolerance. He does not speak for us. He does not represent us.

He does not act in our name.

NO ELECTION, whether fair or fraudulent, can legitimize criminal wars on foreign countries, torture, the wholesale violation of human rights, and the end of science and reason.

IN OUR NAME, the Bush government justifies the invasion and occupation of Iraq on false pretenses of weapons of mass destruction, the elimination of Saddam Hussein, and the removal of a dictator opposed to American interests. It claims that the invasion of Iraq was an act of necessity, a practice of freedom, and a means to an end. And that is exactly why we cannot allow this to happen.

NO MILITARY ACTION can justify the destruction of the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, and the Geneva Conventions. They are the foundation of international law and the protection of human rights. We cannot allow these actions to continue.

NO POLITICAL LEADERS can justify the creation of a new world order, dominated by the United States, under the guise of democracy and human rights. This is a threat to the very principles that we hold dear.

NO ECONOMIC SYSTEM can justify the continuation of the global economic crisis, caused by the collapse of the financial system and the rise of fascism. We must work together to establish a new system that is fair and just for all.

IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY to stop the Bush regime from carrying out this disastrous course. We believe that history will judge us sharply if we fail to act decisively.