

“Our need to be informed—our right to be informed—is more urgent than ever.”



Tim Wise

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Dear WBAI Supporter:

It's an old cliché, but knowledge really is power. When you learn the truth about the world, you are stronger. A better activist. A better world citizen. You're also a WBAI member, so chances are you feel as passionate about this station as we do.

WBAI is a lone beacon in a sea of corporate-controlled media. Others compete for the medal of sameness—predictable, uniform views on the day's predetermined “top stories.” By contrast, for years WBAI's diverse staff and programming have presented vital discussions about building community, healing the environment, and transforming our society into one that can sustain us all.

You've relied on WBAI to move beyond the “what” to the more probing, less comfortable questions of “how” and “why.” WBAI has traditionally offered clear perspectives on causes and solutions—information the “news-lite” mainstream media doesn't even cover.

But now this essential resource is at risk. Like countless other non-profits, WBAI has been hurt by the economic downturn. **The response of the new management**—brought in at the insistence of the current board majority—has been to **fire, ban and censor WBAI staff** without process and to **repeatedly trample union contracts**. A **gag rule** has largely prevented listeners from learning on-air about these and other disturbing actions. Justice and Unity views this conduct as antagonistic to the progressive standard WBAI advocates for others. In addition, programming with otherwise unheard voices has been slashed, and one of us—Tim Wise—has been barred from the air. (*See enclosed coupon for free CD or online copy of Tim's speech on racism at Pacifica.*)

Pacifica's outside audit firm found **serious problems with WBAI's financial controls**, and listener donations have fallen far short of projections. Justice & Unity will keep working to ensure sound fiscal management and fight to reverse all threats to WBAI's ability to be the true vocal cords for vital communities across the country and around the world.

Can you imagine a world where WBAI as you've known it doesn't exist?

In this election, you decide the way forward. Take a look at the Justice & Unity Campaign. These candidates have devoted their lives to principled, essential progressive causes. At

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this critical moment in WBAI's history, we believe they have the focus, commitment, knowledge, and experience to restore the station and protect its unique, historic mission.

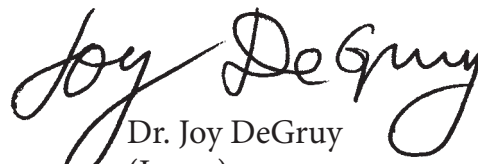
Wars. Strikes. Systemic racism. Police violence. Misogyny. Homelessness. Cluster bombs. Cancer. Coups. Islamophobia. As corporate media tightens its grip on what you're allowed to know, keeping the world from you, WBAI, every day, can bring the world closer—if it doesn't continue slipping backwards in programming and finances.

Like you, Justice & Unity believes that **those at the bottom of the power pyramid deserve a voice**. Like you, Justice & Unity wants **a strong WBAI that doesn't compromise its ethics in the name of quick money**. Justice & Unity will work to expand WBAI and share the bounty of this information treasure with a world of neighbors.

A strong, thriving WBAI is possible. Your vote for Justice & Unity, and your generous contribution toward the costs of printing and sending this mailing, will help make it a reality.

For peace and justice,


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P.S. Justice & Unity is grateful for your vote in this election. **Again, if you can, please donate to offset the costs of this mailing.** Any amount will help. A weakened WBAI means less knowledge for us all. Reclaim what is rightfully yours.

Support Lynne Stewart!

Lynne Stewart, People's Lawyer and longtime defender of political prisoners, was falsely convicted of "aiding terrorism" to intimidate like-minded attorneys. Sentenced to 28 months and jailed last December, she was cruelly re-sentenced in July to 10 years—life-threatening for this 70-year-old breast cancer survivor with high blood pressure and diabetes.

Lynne is a Justice and Unity member, elected to the WBAI Local Station Board last year with 1100+ votes. She writes:

I and others listen to WBAI from our cells. We have faith we'll be informed of the important events that influence our lives. Help us sustain our faith in the downfall of the prison-industrial complex that needlessly keeps thousands behind bars. Elect Justice and Unity. Keep WBAI the voice of the voiceless and the trumpet to bring about change.

Please help Lynne get assigned to the Danbury, CT federal women's prison, close to family and supporters. Write: Harley Lappin, Director, Bureau of Prisons, 320 First St. NW, Washington, DC 20534-0002, or call 202-307-3198.

Write to Lynne: Lynne Stewart #53504-054, MCC-NY, 150 Park Row, New York, NY 10007. Stay updated: go to www.lynnestewart.org, email ralph.poynter@yahoo.com or call (917) 853-9759.

