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XR US National Team's Statement on XR America

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Reply-To: xr@extinctionrebellion.us

To: milan@sindark.com

Dear Rebels,

We are writing to inform and update you about a recent email that was sent out by Extinction Rebellion America (XR America), without the consent of Extinction Rebellion US, to all 46,000 + people on the XR US email list - promoting, recruiting, and fundraising for XR America. XR America is a non-affiliated splinter group that is attempting to “relaunch” XR in the United States without a social justice demand ([XR US' Fourth Demand](#)). We want you to know that XR America is not a part of the global Extinction Rebellion movement; it is not affiliated with XR US, or any XR US local chapters, and the XR Global Support Team does not recognize XR America as an XR group.

On April 6th, two Extinction Rebellion America members, Michelle Wehner and Dayna Yildirim, were given access to the XR US email list by XR UK's digital tech team without our consent or knowledge, through a fraud perpetrated by Jonathan Mintram, an influential former member of the XR Global Support Team and now an XR America supporter. We are deeply upset by this breach.

XR America, through Jonathan, also tried to remove XR US' access to the email list in full, which would have effectively stolen your email information for XR America's exclusive future use.

We are in touch with XR UK's digital tech team who, in addition to the XR US national team, control access to the XR US email list, to make sure this never happens again. We have removed XR America's access to the email list.

This effort by XR America has been part of an ongoing campaign to undermine climate justice movements. We are deeply saddened by all of this, and have taken steps calling for transparency and accountability for what has been unfolding.

A group of Rebels came together and created a working group called Extinction Rebellion Justice (XR Justice) to shine a light on the necessity for justice at the center of all XR work. Below is their statement about Extinction Rebellion and XR America.

During this health and ecological crisis, we need to learn to love and support one another and to lift all boats - especially those who are most vulnerable. We are grateful for your support and commitment to Extinction Rebellion and the movements to help bring justice to this climate crisis.

Chapters around the country are adjusting to these new times, staying connected, moving work online and engaging in ongoing creative actions. This April we will be taking action across the country during the week of Earth Day, with many XR groups supporting the [Stop the Money Pipeline Campaign](#).

Make a donation to XR US today: <https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/9e52ab19e6ac45734284b63f9d784c582975d997>

Love and solidarity,

XR US National Team

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