

## **Statement on the Mission and Commitment of the Tom Lantos Institute (TLI)**

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We live in times of ‘abnormal justice’ when the who, the what and the how of justice are simultaneously contested (Fraser 2008). The erosion of shared presuppositions which used to underpin ‘normal’ debates about social justice, has given rise to contexts which question values previously seen as consensual as expressed most prominently in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”.

“Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.”

TLI expresses concern about public pronouncements which raise questions about core commitments to basic human rights which guide our work. We have stood up for and will continue to work in the spirit of universal human rights including racial equality and minority rights. We express our appreciation to our partners, colleagues and fellow advocates worldwide for their solidarity and support in our work for the equal dignity of all.

The staff of TLI