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Webinar

Public Employees, Free Speech, and the Rise of Authoritarianism

Why it Matters for the
Environment



Agenda



Why These Issues Matter Now

Tim Whitehouse, JD, Executive Director, PEER



Free Speech, the Right to Dissent, and Whistleblowing

Joanna Citron Day, JD, General Counsel, PEER

Sarah Sullivant, former Tribal Section Manager, U.S. EPA



Government Attempts to Restrain Private Social Activism

Colleen Zimmerman, JD, Staff Counsel, PEER

Carolyn McConnell, JD, Attorney, U.S. Government Agency



Free Speech, Social Media and Corporate Influence

Lena Shapiro, JD, Director, First Amendment Law Clinic, University of Illinois College of Law

Derric Pennington, PhD, former Economic Policy Analyst, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Summary Thoughts

Paula Dinerstein, JD, Senior Counsel, PEER



Moderated Q&A

Resources

Free Speech, the Right to Dissent, and Whistleblowing

- [PEER Press Release - peer.org/epa-dissent-letter-press-release](https://peer.org/epa-dissent-letter-press-release)
- [About MSPB - bit.ly/about-mspb](https://bit.ly/about-mspb)

Government Attempts to Restrain Private Social Activism

- [Statute - bit.ly/18-us-code-205](https://bit.ly/18-us-code-205)
- [Complaint - peer.org/mcconnell-nlr-b-complaint](https://peer.org/mcconnell-nlr-b-complaint)
- [Judge's Order - peer.org/mcconnell-nlr-b-motion-decision](https://peer.org/mcconnell-nlr-b-motion-decision)

Free Speech, Social Media and Corporate Influence

- [Press Release - bit.ly/pennington-mspb-press-release](https://bit.ly/pennington-mspb-press-release)
- [Complaint - bit.ly/pennington-mspb-complaint](https://bit.ly/pennington-mspb-complaint)

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