

Hundreds Rally at Michigan State Capitol as Part of Nationwide 50501 Protest Against Trump Policies

On March 4, 2025, the 50501 Movement organized protests across the United States, including a major demonstration at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing. The 50501 Movement, which stands for “50 protests, 50 states, 1 movement,” was established to oppose the policies and actions of President Donald Trump’s administration. Protestors aimed to send a clear message to lawmakers that they would not stand idly by as their rights and freedoms were threatened.

Despite the rainy conditions, hundreds of attendees gathered outside the Capitol, holding signs and loudly chanting slogans opposing Trump’s policies, Project 2025, and the growing influence of Elon Musk in government affairs. The crowd was diverse, with people from various backgrounds uniting to show their support for Ukraine, veterans, the LGBTQ+ community, and other marginalized groups. As they marched around the capitol building, their voices echoed through the streets of Lansing, demanding action and accountability from elected officials.

Sarah Morr, a protest organizer affiliated with MI Resist, played a crucial role in bringing the community together during a time of fear and frustration.

“We are getting our voices out, trying to let the lawmakers that are in this Capitol building right now know that we’re tired and we want them to do something about it,” Morr said. “We the people are tired, we are tired of not having our voice heard.”

The impact of the protest was amplified by its connection to the larger, nationwide movement. Demonstrators emphasized the power that comes from coordinated action across all 50 states.

“We have a mix of red and blue states participating,” said Lucy Allen, a participant from Detroit, MI. “Coming together shows that we are united as a country, not just as a state. It shows that we are united and need change.”

Throughout the event, speakers from different walks of life took the stage to share their personal stories and concerns about the future of the country. Political influencers, educators, activists, and everyday citizens spoke out against the Trump administration’s policies, many of which have disproportionately affected marginalized communities. One particularly powerful speech came from a transgender woman who, for her own safety, chose to remain anonymous.

“The number one thing they dont tell you about us tranny’s is that were still fucking here,” the speaker declaired. “They have not, and they will not erase us.” Her words were met with cheers and applause, reinforcing the resilience and strength of the LGBTQ+ community in the face of adversity.

Many attendees expressed concerns about the future, not just for themselves, but for the next generation.

“I want my kids to have a world to grow up in,” said Anessa Hoffman, a single mother of three from Lansing. “At this point, I don’t think that’s guaranteed anymore. That’s why we’re here—we have to fight for their future.”

The 50501 Movement has vowed to organize more protests until the message they are shouting is finally heard. The next major demonstration, dubbed “People’s Veto Day”, is scheduled for April 5th. The event aims to push back against legislation that threatens civil rights and democracy, urging people to take action to defend their freedoms, rights, and futures.

As the rain poured down on the determined crowd in Lansing, one thing was clear: the 50501 movement is not going away anytime soon. The voices of the people will continue to rise until those in power are forced to listen.



Demonstrators on March 4th, 2025 protest holding signs while marching around the Capitol building in downtown Lansing, MI.