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Dear SVYD Members and Supporters,

In the midst of LGBTQ Pride month, the celebration of Juneteenth, and through this Spring: we are being reminded of a hard truth: our values, our rights, and our communities are under attack. Our response must be urgent, organized, and rooted in solidarity.

At the federal level, the 'big beautiful bill' will decimate Medicaid, a lifeline for millions, in service of budgets that prioritize policing and profits over people. Just a few days ago, the Trump administration targeted LGBTQ youth by defunding the 988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline that provides support to LGBTQ+ youth. Locally, unhoused residents in San José are being criminalized by policies that mistake punishment for progress—treated not as neighbors, but as problems to be swept aside. And most recently, we've been confronted with the cruel reality of ICE presence in our city, instilling fear and instability in immigrant communities who are the very backbone of Silicon Valley.

And yet, in the face of these injustices, our community has done what we always do—we showed up. Silicon Valley Young Democrats stood arm-in-arm with labor leaders and community organizers. We joined protests, wrote public comments, amplified local voices, and held our elected officials accountable. We rejected the idea that these issues are separate from one another. Because when LGBTQ+ rights are attacked, when Medicaid is gutted, when our unhoused neighbors are criminalized, and when immigrants are detained, it's all part of the same struggle—a struggle for human dignity and collective liberation.

So as we look ahead, I hope you'll continue to join us. Show up. Speak out. Mobilize. Organize. Vote. Build. Together, we are not just resisting—we are reshaping what's possible in Silicon Valley and beyond.

In determination and community,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaria Jaug".

Jaria Jaug
SVYD President