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Investing in Human Rights and Accountability

[Human Rights First](#) (HRF) works to defend freedom and dignity for all, at home and abroad. As an independent, non-partisan, advocacy and action organization, it holds perpetrators accountable, protects people from injustice, and guards democracy and the rule of law.

The Foundation has supported HRF as they've become a recognized leader for implementing targeted sanctions to address human rights abuses and corruption. Often referred to as “Magnitsky” sanctions, these sanctions can be a powerful deterrent by imposing significant consequences on perpetrators, including visa restrictions, frozen assets, and the inability to conduct financial transactions in the country imposing the sanctions and beyond.

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Convening a coalition of 330 civil society organizations spanning over 50 countries, HRF has helped coalition members collaborate on recommendations to submit to the major Magnitsky jurisdictions, which include Canada, the UK, the EU, and Australia.

These sanctions have led to meaningful consequences for perpetrators of human rights abuses, including high-profile cases involving dissidents and political prisoners such as Jamal Khashoggi, Alexei Navalny, and Vladimir Kara-Murza.



However, beginning last year, gains made through these tools have drastically slowed and even been reversed.

Together with its partners, HRF [published a report](#) documenting how the current Trump administration has used Global Magnitsky sanctions and related sanctions programs much less than previous administrations. Their report also spotlighted the growing problem of the administration removing Global Magnitsky and other sanctions without providing substantive reasons.

Sanctioned individuals and entities can be removed—delisted—after showing their behavior has changed or having been held accountable in other ways. Yet according to HRF's post, [Dubious Delistings and the Misuse of Targeted Sanctions](#), the “overall circumstances of these delistings suggest the relief may in some cases have been a favor for political allies.” They added that this development “appears to have far outpaced comparable actions by the previous administration.”

To gather data and create a public record, HRF made a [tracker of the Trump administration's delistings](#), which documents nearly 300 individuals and companies that the administration has removed from U.S. sanctions lists.

The Jackson Foundation proudly supports HRF's efforts to safeguard Magnitsky sanctions as a meaningful tool to uphold human rights. We appreciate HRF's determination to generate accountability and reinforce democratic norms.

Fellows on the Move



Lylianna Allala has been confirmed by the Seattle City Council as [Director of the Office of Sustainability & Environment](#) where she provides strategic leadership on policies and programs that address the root causes and impacts of climate change.



Jed Bradley became Assistant Vice President at the University of Washington.



Sam Cho has been named an Asia Society [2026 Asia 21 Next Generation Fellow](#). The fellowship develops, connects, and empowers the next generation of leaders across the Asia-Pacific.



Monica Guzman relaunched [A Braver Way](#) podcast about how to meet political division with strength.



Leah Missik now serves as the Climate Policy Lead Advisor at the King County Executive Office.



Alyssa Patrick has been promoted to Director of Strategy at Washington Association for Community Health.



Tamara Power-Drutis has been promoted to Principal, AI Strategy & Biz Ops for New Glenn at Blue Origin.



Kristine Reeves announced her candidacy for reelection to the Washington State House of Representatives, 30th Legislative District.



2026 Jackson Leadership Fellows, Washington, D.C. – James Hove, Nausheen Rajan-Jinnah, Maggie Douglas, Alexander Gonzalez, Jasmine Ines, and Sam Lewis traveled to Washington, D.C. for the trip marking the end of the Fellows Program year. Fellows Sophie Daudon, Carmen Smith and Abigail Struxness were unable to attend.



Members of the Board, Fellows, and Legacy Council and their families gathered this spring to restore habitat at Seattle's Discovery Park.



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