



## **SBTC's December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Statement on the DC Lawsuit**

The SBTC is suing District of Columbia officials in Federal court because the DC Mayor arbitrarily denied us the right to paint *TRUCKER LIVES MATTER* in front of USDOT HQ as a matter of occupational justice after unilaterally granting the BLACK LIVES MATTER organization a "commission" to do so in furtherance of that group's social justice campaign. We contend Mayor Bowser did so in an arbitrary and capricious fashion. We are fighting their specious attempts to get this lawsuit dismissed.

According to the SBTC's attorney (@SocciEsquire):

*"Plaintiff alleges in its Complaint that the Defendants violated their rights under 42 U.S.C. 1983. Section 1983 imposes liability on "person[s]" who, acting under the color of law, cause a deprivation of rights, privileges, or immunities guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States. 42 U.S.C. § 1983... Because Plaintiff is seeking a remedy in the form of declaratory and injunctive relief, as opposed to a claim for monetary relief, Defendants' Rule 12(b)(6) is an inappropriate method for challenge and therefore Defendants' Motion to Dismiss must be denied."*

We thank Laurence L. Socci, Esq. for diligently fighting for the legal rights of America's 3.5 million #truckers and the 15,000 members of @theSBTC. The whole point of the SBTC lawsuit against DC Mayor Muriel Bowser is that a politician cannot lawfully declare a political message she likes and supports such as DEFUND THE POLICE lawful "public art" on a whim and declare one she doesn't, unlawful "graffiti." Giving preferential treatment to political supporters and then engaging in "viewpoint discrimination" against others is a despicable and unconscionable abuse of power in violation of the First Amendment to the US Constitution.

Apparently, the Mayor of Washington DC believes it is OK to arbitrarily show favoritism to one group over others and trample over the First Amendment Rights of truckers of all races trying to petition the government for redress of grievances so as not to dilute her party's racially-charged political agenda. The Mayor is about to find out that this is not how we govern in America. We trust that such corruption will not stand in Federal court.

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