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Dear friends of the Korea Policy Institute,

In recent weeks, we have witnessed a mass uprising of the South Korean people opposing President Yoon Suk Yeol's efforts to implement martial law on December 3 and demanding that Yoon and his cronies must go. In defiance of both popular will and law, Yoon refuses to accept documents issued by the Constitutional Court, ignores summonses for questioning by investigative agencies, and alleges that his actions were justified by the need to root out "anti-state forces" in the National Assembly, namely the opposition Democratic Party, the majority party in the assembly, and its leaders. As Yoon and his far-right People Power Party fight to remain in power, the vast majority of the Korean people are steadfast in holding him, the National Assembly, and the military accountable to the Constitution.

In keeping with our mission to increase public awareness and understanding of developments on the Korean peninsula and to contribute to a broad-based movement for peace and social justice, the Korea Policy Institute will continue to feature timely analysis, speak out on news media, and hold educational events on critical issues related to the Korean people's long struggle for liberation. We will continue to organize online fora that uplift the struggles of the Korean people to achieve a lasting peace on the peninsula, in spite of U.S. designs to concoct a U.S.-led military alliance between the Republic of Korea and Japan as a bulwark against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China. KPI will continue to stand in solidarity with the struggle against U.S.-backed Zionist genocide in Gaza, and for a free Palestine.

Further in line with our mission, KPI joined the US Out of Korea Campaign, which launched this summer with the endorsement of fifty anti-imperialist organizations calling for an end to U.S. intervention in the internal affairs of the Korean people. As the Korean War enters its seventieth-fifth year, we are aware of the necessity of political education around a war that few Americans realize has not yet come to a close. Toward that end, KPI anchors the Ending the Korean War Teaching Initiative which convened *Ending the Korean War: Political Education and Permanent War* at the University of Maryland last April, followed by an action at the National Mall, *Disrupting Permanent War: An Anti-Imperialist Detour of the National Mall*. Also, in April, the Ending the Korean War Teaching Collective presented *Pedagogies of Resistance: Political Education to End the Korean War*, at Orca Books in Olympia, WA. On February 6-7, 2025, the collective will convene a four-part online event series at Yale that addresses the racism of U.S. militarism relative to the Korean War and Black radical solidarity with Korean anti-imperialism. Please join us.

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We thank you for your support.

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