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An Open Letter on American Civilians Neurological Harm, Equity, and Silence

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To Civil Rights Organizations, Community Leaders, Funders, and the Public,

I am a Black American woman and the founder of **Direct Energy Weapons Agency, Inc. (DEWA)**, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to address an urgent and overlooked gap affecting civilians across the United States.

Civilians are reporting unexplained neurological, cognitive, and behavioral harm—symptoms that disrupt their health, families, employment, and safety. Yet there is **no designated civilian intake office, advocacy pathway, or documentation system** available to them.

While government employees experiencing similar symptoms—often discussed in connection with Havana Syndrome—have begun receiving limited recognition and review, **Civilian victims remain excluded** from care pathways, documentation, and advocacy.

This disparity is not theoretical. It is lived.

DEWA – Directed Energy Weapons Agency was formed to respond responsibly and professionally. Our work is fact-based, trauma-informed, and focused on:

- Civilian intake and documentation
- Preservation of records for future medical and legal review
- Advocacy for ethical oversight, public safety, and equity

We do not promote panic. We do not speculate publicly. We do not accuse. We document, support, and advocate.

As a **Black woman founder** addressing an emerging public-health and civil-rights issue, I have encountered persistent barriers to **funding, visibility, and institutional engagement**. Despite the seriousness of the issue and the growing number of affected civilians, DEWA has received little to no **philanthropic or institutional financial support**.

This silence raises difficult but necessary questions:

- Why are American civilians denied pathways to document neurological harm?
- Why is recognition limited to certain populations while others are excluded?
- Why are Black-led organizations addressing emerging harms left to operate without support?
- At what point does silence become a form of neglect?

I have reached out privately and respectfully to national civil-rights organizations seeking dialogue, guidance, and alignment. I did not request donations. I requested **visibility, conversation, and equity**.

This open letter is not an accusation.

It is a **record**.

It is a call for civil-rights leadership to recognize that **access to care, documentation, and advocacy is itself a civil right**, especially when emerging harms **fall outside traditional frameworks**.

Black Americans have historically been the last to receive recognition and the first to be dismissed when harm is difficult to define. We have seen this pattern before—in medicine, in environmental exposure, in policing, and in public health.

My purpose is not to provoke fear, but to insist on dignity.

American civilians deserve the same pathways to care, recognition, and protection as federal employees. **Black women leading responsible, first-of-their-kind initiatives deserve to be heard—not sidelined by discomfort or delay.**

I remain open to dialogue, collaboration, and accountability.

Silence should not be the final response.

Respectfully,

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