## <u>Green Party responds to Trump state</u> visit announcement



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The Green Party has responded to news the Government has said it will press ahead with plans to give President Trump a state visit despite public opposition. [1]

Jonathan Bartley, Green Party co-leader, said:

"It is deeply disappointing that in its desperation to pander to the new US President the Government has ignored almost 2 million British people who made it clear they do not want to give a racist misogynist the highest honour our country has to offer.

"Donald Trump's presidency has already been marked by an utterly disgraceful travel ban, while his apparent intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement highlights his contempt for environmental protection.

"We should be showing backbone and leadership by taking a stand against the President's damaging policies — not rolling out a red carpet."

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## Notes:

1. https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/feb/14/government-says-trump-re ceive-full-courtesy-state-visit-petition

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