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STOP THE DEPORTATION OF ALISON BODINE!

No One Is Illegal-Toronto is writing this letter in solidarity with Alison Bodine, a U.S. Citizen who just completed her B.Sc. at the University of British Columbia. Ms. Bodine has been detained and is facing deportation back to the United States because of her political work. No One is Illegal-Toronto is a group of immigrants, refugees and allies based in Toronto, Canada who fight for the rights of all migrants to live with dignity and respect. We believe that granting citizenship to a privileged few is part of a racist immigration and border policy designed to exploit and marginalize migrants.

We condemn the actions of the Canadian state and its Canadian Border Service Agency for targeting and detaining Alison Bodine because of her work as an organizer with the Vancouver anti-war coalition, Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO), her work as part of the Coalition Against War on the People of Iraq (CAWOPI) and her organizing in support of the Pastors Peace Caravan to Cuba. Alison Bodine has been a supporter of (im)migrant rights in Canada and the U.S. and her targeting by Canada Border Services Agency highlights once again the use of deportations and arrests as a tool to shut down political organizing.

We want to reaffirm that the arrest and proposed deportation of Alison Bodine is not only an affront to those migrant communities seeking human rights, dignity and justice, but to all Canadian residents. The threat to deport Ms. Bodine contravenes legislation passed on June 6, 2007 by the House of Commons that assures a moratorium on deportations from Canada. No One Is Illegal-Toronto stands in solidarity with all United States citizens who face persecution and deportation from Canada because of their political beliefs including the cases of the United States War Resisters and the case of Gary Freeman, an African-American political prisoner who has spent the past 3 years in a Toronto prison awaiting an extradition on charges stemming from a racially targeted incident in 1969 Chicago.

Ms. Bodine is a well-respected community activist and has been an important member of the Vancouver community since her entry into Canada.

We call on the Immigration and Refugee Board to dismiss the “charges” against Alison Bodine and to stop and oppose any attempt to criminalize people based on the political beliefs.

We await word of Ms. Bodine’s release from custody and stand prepared to defend her right to stay and live in the community she so chooses.

In solidarity,

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