



**BATTEREDWOMEN'S  
SUPPORTSERVICES**



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**ALISON BODINE DEFENCE COMMITTEE**

Re: Defend Alison Bodin

We are writing in support of Alison Bodin and to strongly protest for her past arrest by the Canadian Border Agency at the Peace Arch border.

Battered Women's Support Services (BWSS) provides free services for women experiencing abuse from abusive intimate relationships, childhood sexual abuse and adult sexual assault.

For almost three decades Battered Women's Support Services (BWSS) has been committed to provide services to battered women and to end violence against women

Alison Bodine, after her earlier arrest, is still being charged by the CBSA. As anti-violence workers and activists we demand that the charges against Alison Bodine be dropped immediately. Also, we want to express our concerns about this action. This attack on Miss Bodin's freedom brings serious concerns to all activists who are fighting for social justice. This is an attack on the democratic rights of all progressive people, social justice activists, immigrants, refugees, all non-status people and non-residents in Canada. The unjust arrest and detention of Alison Bodine raise extreme concerns about the silencing of free speech, freedom of political expression and repression towards people who fight for peace and equality at home and abroad.

Alison Bodin has done nothing wrong or illegal. We demand that the CBSA must drop all charges against Miss Bodin and restore her full rights to travel between the US and Canada.

Respectfully,  
Battered Women's Support Services

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