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The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Vancouver wish to declare our solidarity with and unconditional support of sister worker Alison Bodine. We understand that Alison is an American citizen who recently completed her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of British Columbia, and consequently has crossed the border between Canada and the United States dozens of times with no trouble whatsoever.

Yet she was arrested by the Canada Border Services Agency and detained by the RCMP on September 13th. The official reason for this is that she was allegedly “misrepresenting” herself, but the motivation for the arrest appears to be Alison’s political activism.

Esteemed MPs Libby Davies and Bill Siksay have stated that they’ve reviewed the situation and it appears that Alison has not done anything illegal. We respect their judgement, and call for the unconditional dropping of all charges against sister Bodine. In any society calling itself democratic people should not be persecuted for their political beliefs, or for exercising their right to free speech.

In Solidarity,

Gordon Flett

Secretary, IWW Vancouver
