

September 24, 2007

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada – Vancouver  
Suite 1600 Library Square  
300 W. Georgia  
Vancouver, BC V6B 6C9

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**RE: Alison Bodine Hearing**

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Richmond Federal New Democratic Party Riding Association.

We are appalled that the Canadian government would use its power of arrest and detention to harass a young American citizen whose only crime, it would seem, is to be opposed to American and Canadian involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq. This action is more appropriate to a police state, rather than a country which prides itself on its commitment to human rights. This young woman has committed no crime and does not deserve the treatment she has received at your hands.

We strongly urge that all charges against Alison Bodine be dropped and her right to travel freely be honoured.

We look forward to hearing that the case against Alison Bodine has been dismissed.

Sincerely,

Colleen Glynn  
President  
Richmond Federal New Democrats