



Province of
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Legislative Assembly



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Hon. Stockwell Day
Canada Border Services Agency
By Fax: 613-995-1154

RE: BODINE, Alison

Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my concerns about the case of Alison Bodine, an American citizen who was arrested by the Canada Border Services Agency and detained by the RCMP on September 13th. The official basis for the arrest and detention is that she "misrepresented" herself, but the underlying reason appears to be her prominence in the anti-war movement.

There will be a hearing on September 28th, at which point it will be determined whether Ms. Bodine will be banned from entering Canada for up to 2 years. My understanding is that she has crossed the United States/Canada border dozens of times without incident.

I am concerned that the arrest may be politically motivated, and based on Ms. Bodine's activism. I respectfully urge your investigation and full disclosure of all information regarding these allegations, so that she can defend herself fairly. Moreover, I urge the return of all her confiscated materials that were seized by the CBSA.

Sincerely,

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