

October 3, 2007
Ottawa, ON

Hon. Stockwell Day, P.C., M.P.
Canada Border Services Agency
Via Fax: 613-995-1154

Dear Minister Day,

RE: BODINE, Alison

I am writing to express my grave concern 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 October 11th, at which point it will be determined whether Ms. Bodine will be banned from entering Canada for up to 2 years.

However, from my review of the situation, it appears that Ms. Bodine has not done anything illegal. In fact, 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 into 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,

Original signed

Alex Atamanenko, MP
BC Southern Interior