

Canadian Voice of Women for Peace - Appeal for Alison Bodine
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President Mr. Alain Jolicoeur,
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365 Laurier Avenue West, 20th Floor
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Dear Mr. Alain Jolicoeur,

The Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW) is writing in support of Alison Bodine, a U.S. Citizen who on September 13, 2007 was arrested by the Canada Border Services Agency at the Peace Arch border crossing and later detained by the RCMP.

Ms. Bodine is a political activist who works tirelessly opposing the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq. One of VOW's key principles is to put an end to war and armed conflict globally. VOW embraces democratic rights of individuals to express their political views in a peaceful and effective manner. Arresting and charging Ms. Bodine is an attack on the right to free speech and the silencing of political activism.

VOW is demanding that the Canada Border Services Agency drop any and all charges against Alison Bodine and return any and all confiscated materials and items seized by the CBSA. Furthermore, we demand that Ms. Bodine's right to freely travel between the U.S. and Canada be reinstated without further delay.

Respectfully,

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