Alison Bodine Defence Committee

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DEMAND: DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST ALISON BODINE!

Petition to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA):

We, the undersigned, draw the attention of the Canada Border Services Agency to the following:

THAT Alison Bodine, a US citizen, is a central organizer with Vancouver antiwar coalition Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO), was for three years the president of the University of British Columbia's Coalition Against War on the People of Iraq and Internationally (CAWOPI), is a long-time executive committee member of the UBC Social Justice Center, a prominent activist in solidarity with Cuba and a participant in the Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba, and is a supporter of immigrant and refugee rights in Canada and the US;

THAT near midnight on Thursday September 13, 2007 Alison Bodine was unjustly arrested by the Canada Border Services Agency when she went voluntarily to the US-Canada border to return to the US;

THAT Alison's arrest and all charges against her are an attack on the democratic rights of individuals to organize and express their political views, an attack on the right to free speech, and an attack on immigrants, refugees, people without status, and non-residents of Canada.

THEREFORE we demand that the Canada Border Services Agency drop any and all charges against Alison Bodine, return to her any and all items seized by the CBSA, and reinstate her right to freely travel between the US and Canada.

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