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Attention News Editors

**Canada's faith communities urge Government of Canada to stop deportation actions against U.S. Iraq War resister Corey Glass and others**

TORONTO – Canada's faith communities are today appealing to the Prime Minister and Immigration Minister to stop all deportation actions against U.S. Iraq War conscientious objector Corey Glass as well as all those who have sought refuge in Canada.

The federal government's July 10 deportation order against Glass is still in effect. With only three days remaining, Glass and all conscientious objectors are experiencing enormous stress, anxiety and turmoil.

The letter, sponsored by Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers) and signed by representatives from many faith groups notes that: "The government's quick action is urgently required to alleviate the terrible tensions and pressures on those people for whom conscientious objection to war and killing was the only deeply ethical and moral choice they could make."

"The rightness and justice of Canada's long tradition and proud history of supporting conscientious objectors was reinforced in 1998 when the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights broadened the international definition of conscientious objection by officially recognizing that "persons [*already*] performing military service may *develop* conscientious objections."

Faith-based organizations are continuing to sign the letter which will be posted on the on the New Catholic Times website at: [www.newcatholictimes.com](http://www.newcatholictimes.com).

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