

PETITION: Rescind Operational Bulletin 202

To the Government of Canada:

Whereas the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Jason Kenney has instructed immigration officials, through Operation Bulletin 202, to flag American war resisters who seek asylum in Canada for further scrutiny; and

Whereas Operational Bulletin 202 states that US War resisters could be criminally inadmissible to Canada; and

Whereas this Operational Bulletin is prejudicial to each case being heard on its individual merits; and

Whereas Amnesty International Canada has called for the withdrawal of Operational Bulletin 202 because it misstates the law and seeks to intrude on the independence of both Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) members and immigration officers; and

Whereas conscientious objection to military service whether by draft resisters or deserters is a widely recognized ground for granting refugee protection both in Canada and internationally; therefore

We the undersigned call on the Government of Canada to rescind Operational Bulletin 202 and to enact a provision, in accordance with two motions adopted by Parliament in 2008 and 2009, to allow US War resisters to stay in Canada.

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