

DEAR CANADA: LET U.S. WAR RESISTERS STAY! JAN. 25-26 DAYS OF ACTION

HELP STOP THE WAR... SUPPORT THE TROOPS WITH THE COURAGE TO RESIST!

Join and support January 25, 2008 vigils and delegations in support of U.S. war resisters currently seeking sanctuary in Canada. Actions are being planned in **Washington D.C., New York, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and elsewhere.** Supporters will meet with officials at Canadian Consulates across the United States in order to underscore that many Americans hope that the Canadian Parliament votes (possibly as early as February) in favor of a provision to allow war resisters to remain.

The following day, Saturday, January 26, the War Resisters Support Campaign (Canada) has called for a Canada-wide mobilization to ensure that deportation proceedings against U.S. war resisters cease immediately, and to support a sanctuary provision.

Today the fate of approximately 200 U.S. war resisters in Canada is at a very critical juncture. Your support can make a difference. Let the Canadian government know that you support U.S. servicemembers that are taking a stand against the Iraq War and occupation. They should not be deported to face prosecution for following their conscience and upholding international law.

On December 6, Courage to Resist organizers attended a meeting of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration of the House of Commons in Ottawa that adopted a motion that was a critical victory for Iraq War resisters seeking sanctuary. It's now possible that the full House of Commons may vote on this resolution as early as February. However, in the meantime, deportation is becoming a real possibility for some of the resisters. It is critical to build momentum in the wake of this important first victory.

SAMPLE LETTER

Hon. Prime Minister Stephen Harper
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2, CANADA

Hon. Minister of Citizenship & Immigration Diane Finley
Citizenship & Immigration Canada
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1L1, CANADA

Stéphane Dion, Liberal Party
81 Metcalfe Street, Suite 400
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6M8, CANADA

I am writing from the United States to ask you to make a provision for sanctuary for the scores of U.S. military servicemembers currently in Canada, most of whom have traveled to your country in order to resist fighting in the Iraq War. Please let them stay in Canada.



www.couragetoresist.org/canada
TAKE ACTION

1. SIGN THE LETTER ONLINE

Courage to Resist volunteers will print and post via international first class mail three letters (intro text below-left) on your behalf. Each will be separately addressed to a Canadian official and will feature your return name and address. See webpage above for complete text. Please encourage friends to sign the letter online as well!

OR use the letter as an outline for a **more personalized appeal** on behalf of yourself, church, union, or organization.

2. HELP COLLECT SIGNATURES

Download and print PDF letters and 11"x14" petitions. Collect signatures and simply send the completed forms back to us. We'll mail the letters to Canada, and we'll send signers a thank you.

3. DONATE

Consider a donation to **Courage to Resist** so that we can continue sending these letters regardless of signers ability to contribute. Each set costs us over \$2.50 to produce and mail, so we're counting on you.

ALSO, please consider donating to **War Resisters Support Campaign (Canada)** to directly "help U.S. war resisters in need and to continue to build a national campaign to ensure that the Canadian government will make a provision for US war resisters to stay in Canada." For more information, and to donate: www.resisters.ca



4. HOLD A HOUSE PARTY

Help get out the word. Invite friends over to watch and discuss the new 60 min. documentary "Breaking Ranks" (available from Courage to Resist for a \$30 donation).

5. DISTRIBUTE POSTCARDS

Order "Dear Canada: Let U.S. War Resisters Stay!" postcards for local organizing and outreach at events. Each pre-addressed with a brief message to Canadian officials. Twenty sets of postcards (3 per set—60 total) are available for only \$10.



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