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To Whom It May Concern:

The time has come to end Selective Service Registration.

To satisfy the need for a military defense force, there will continue to be individuals wanting to take up military service as their profession.

The weapons industry must be downsized to actual defense needs, instead of selling excess weapons for profit to potential enemies.

The wars waged by the US, whether declared or undeclared, since the end of WWII, have been offensive actions. They have lead to ever greater insecurity, devastation of communities in many countries, and the lives of our own soldiers. Increasingly we lose our standing in the world as a legitimate humanitarian country.

For the government to continue making policy based on the interests of the weapons industry is suicidal. In this setting it is impossible to remain human. To be human means having a conscience. Our conscience tells us that cooperation with others is right and that injustice and violence against others is wrong. This is not naive. We have created so many enemies that radicalism became inevitable. Despite the deep complexity of the present situation, our course can and must be changed. Belief in war as a means for success is naive and criminal.

I send this letter trusting that responsible leaders will speak out, and take up action to meet reality humanly.

Respectfully,

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