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Dear Commission Members,

SUBJECT: / COMMENTS
ABOLISH
SELECTIVE SERVICE
AND DRAFT
REGISTRATION

As a concerned citizen and decorated Viet Nam Veteran (1970-71) with AF commendation/honorable discharge (AF68065297) I must submit my comments to you. I, and many dozens in my family and social network oppose the Selective Service System and especially the DRAFT Registration for the following reasons:

- 1) It weakens democracy because it is un-democratic
- 2) It does not allow concerned citizens to register as conscientious objectors
- 3) What about the question of women — with their present role in combat?
- 4) It is not necessary with an all-volunteer military
- 5) The punishments for non-registration are RACIST and govt "selective" 'criminal' prosecutions are unconstitutional

- 6) It violates religious freedom and separation of church and state by not recognizing C. Objectors.
- 7) It is a bad example to other nation-states or a good example to dictatorships that use conscription.
- 8) Again, it is racist and anti-poor people with a possible motive of taking away VOTING rights, driving rights as a punishment

I will oppose these unjust rules, dogmas and activities with all that I hold dear in our democracy and with all I shared while in Viet Nam — Please have faith and do away with this jailed system — and it is fitting that I write this at 100 years after w.w.I, another insane war that my father was forced into and as he told me just creates the conditions for more war.

Most determined,
 [Sgt. Tom Gilmore]
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