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**Lt. General James Dubik
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Cc: Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
Honorable Senator Barbara Boxer
Honorable Javier Becerra

Dear Sir:

I write to urge you to do everything in your power to end the prosecution of Lt. Watada, who is the first commissioned officer to refuse deployment to Iraq. Lt. Watada was compelled to enlist soon after 9/11 because he wanted so badly to serve his country and right the wrongs he felt had been perpetrated against his fellow citizens by al Quada.

Lt. Watada faces as much as 6 years in prison for missing a troop movement and for Conduct Unbecoming an Officer. In fact, refusing deployment was not his first choice, as he has requested to be sent to Afghanistan to join the search for those members of al Quada responsible for the attacks against US citizens.

The charge of “conduct unbecoming an officer” refers to the fact that he continues to speak out to other soldiers about the illegality of the US war on Iraq as is his right under the First Amendment of the US Constitution. It should be plain to all morally thinking persons that Lt. Watada’s right to free speech as a US citizen transcends his military obligation to engage in fighting an illegal war.

Please end this illegal and immoral prosecution of this courageous man. Please also accept his offer to deploy to Afghanistan to pursue the true perpetrators of the September 11, 2001, attack on the United States, and either drop all charges against him or accept his resignation from the US Military.

I urge you to take the steps needed to honor Lt. Watada’s sincere wishes to serve his country without having to violate the Constitution.

Thank you most sincerely,
