

P E T I T I O N
To the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

WHEREAS the *Constitution Act* of 1981 guarantees "freedom of conscience and religion" in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, Section 2(a); and

WHEREAS prior to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, historical recognition of conscientious objection existed in Canada; and

WHEREAS contributing to the Canadian military through payment of income taxes is an infringement of the freedom of conscience and/or religion of those citizens who conscientiously object to participating in any way in the military and associate activities which train people to kill and use violence, produce and purchase lethal weapons, conduct military-related research, prepare for war and killing and other activities which perpetuate violence, thus, hindering the achievement of all forms of peace;

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the Parliament of Canada to:

Establish Peace Tax legislation by passing into law the *Conscientious Objection Act*, which recognizes the right of conscientious objectors to not pay for the military but to apply that portion of their taxes that was to be used for military purposes towards peaceful, non military purposes within the powers of Parliament.

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