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Commission on Military, National and Public Service  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioners:

As a long-time member of the Lake Forest Friends (Quakers) Meeting in Lake Forest, Illinois, I am submitting my comments in response to the Commission's request for public input on the issue of military, national and public service as it relates to selective service, the draft, and mandated national service.

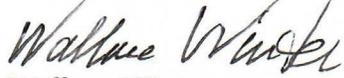
As a Quaker, I am dedicated to our Peace Testimony, which stresses the importance of actively preventing the occasion of all wars and recognizing that of God in every person, including those designated as "enemies."

Accordingly, I concur with the written comments submitted to this Commission on April 8, 2018, by the Boulder, Colorado Meeting of the Society of Friends. Specifically, I support the following substantive and procedural measures with regard to the future of any Draft, Registration, Selective Service, or mandated National Service:

1. The current law requiring all males of draft age to register for military service should be eliminated.
2. Females should not be included in the registration for military service.
3. There should be no associated denials or limitations of public service, opportunities and benefits (such as access to health care, education, admission or financial aid to attend universities, drivers' licenses, and any other social service benefits) based upon state, local, or national requirements of mandatory registration for military service.
4. If the Selective Service registration and draft laws are not eliminated, a clear and expeditious process should be established for registrants and active duty or reserves to declare that they conscientiously object to military service. This

personal declaration of conscientious objection should not be tied to a particular religious belief or membership in a religious organization. The only requirement should be a personal moral conviction that all wars are immoral.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wallace Winter".

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Convener, Peace and Social Justice Committee