

# **Don't Force Women to Register for the Draft, Dump the Draft Entirely**

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We the undersigned urge you to vote NO on the National Defense Authorization Act's amendment that would force women to sign up for the Selective Service, and to introduce legislation that would end the draft for both sexes.

While it is unfair and sexist that only men must register for the draft -- women should be allowed to serve in combat roles just as men are -- being forced to go to war is immoral no matter your sex.

While forcing women to register for the draft may make things equal, bodily autonomy should be taken into account and military service should be based on choice. Our bodies are not communal property, and whether you're male or female, citizens should NEVER be compelled to fight in a war they may disagree with.

Many people say forcing everyone to register for the draft will cause Americans to think twice about going to war. But, as writer Lucy Steigerwald points out, remember what happened during the Vietnam war: anger over the draft helped to end the war only AFTER 60,000 Americans and 2 million Vietnamese died. "You don't stop the runaway truck of U.S. foreign policy by throwing a man in front of it, and you definitely don't stop it by throwing a man and a woman, just to make things equal," Steigerwald writes.

Please vote NO on this amendment to the NDAA, and introduce legislation ending the draft for both sexes.

Thank you.

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