

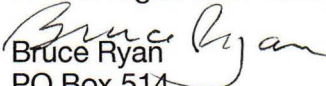
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### Comments on Selective Service

Draft registration has been shown to be unnecessary : the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan used increased recruitment and National Guard to avoid the draft (and, possibly a Congressional declaration).

Draft registration, if continued, should make clear the options for conscientious objector status if it cannot be noted on the registration explicitly. As a member of our local Draft Board since 2005 I have participated in the excellent and fair training in ascertaining a draftee's qualifications for modification or exemption from military service. However, this is after the fact and not well known to men before being drafted .

There are lifelong penalties for not registering .This inherent non-judicial punishment should be eliminated. This can be fairly addressed either by eliminating the draft or by allowing objector status upon registration and letting that be verified by appearing before the Local Board when summoned to active service. Somewhat as it is now except that the draftee knows from the time of registration what will be required.

  
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