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Commission on Military, National and Public Service
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my beliefs regarding military and other public service. I am a Mennonite from birth but write as a convinced adult about these things. I believe war is wrong and that violence will not bring peace and security—maybe short-term—in personal, national, or international arenas.

I believe in the peaceful PREVENTION of violence and war. I want to be a part of sharing developments in health, sustainable environment, non-discrimination among all people—regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity or national origin. No parties can threaten each other for security and peace to be achieved.

Some concerns with regard to Selective Service (draft) And US Military Service:

- 1) The law regarding all males of draft-age to register should be eliminated.
- 2) The proposal that females of draft age should register should be eliminated.
- 3) Public services and social service benefits should not be based upon state, local, or national requirements of mandatory registration for military service.
- 4) There should be a clear and easy process for a person whose moral conscience requires them to object to participation in the military, to indicate the same if the Selective Service registration and draft laws are not eliminated.

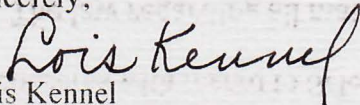
I strongly support major reductions in military funding and aggressive international policies. This could allow for sharing peaceful technologies, promoting international programs of equality in education and economic opportunities, access to public health, clean water and air, safe foods, and environmental protection and preservation. And equal opportunities and assets must be directed toward domestic needs/programs, which are many.

Regarding Non-Military Public Service:

Humans thrive on serving others and the environment. This should be encouraged by programs and funding. All could be done non-violently, with respect for life and peace.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments and concerns to the Commission.

Sincerely,



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