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Victoria Peace Coalition - Stop the extension. Support our Troops. Bring them home.

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Please reach out to all Canadians. As well, send those emails and make phone calls. Participatory democracy is our business!

Urgent Call from the Canadian Peace Alliance, a network of anti-war groups across Canada.

Take action in the next 24 hours by writing letters to MPs, editors, and making the voice of the anti-war majority heard.

Fax, Phone and Email your MP Today

In this message

- 1- Statement from the CPA about the Afghanistan debate in parliament
- 2- List of Key MP contact information
- 3- Links to Afghanistan Campaign Resources

1- Unlike you, Mr. Harper, We're a Majority. Troops Out Now!

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The Canadian Peace Alliance is concerned at the suddenness of this announcement. It is designed to confirm the ongoing Afghan mission before many Canadians have been able to fully assess the issues surrounding our role there. Many Canadians still believe that we are doing reconstruction work in Afghanistan. The facts in this case have been hidden. CIDA has pulled its reconstruction team out of Afghanistan and rebuilding is at a halt. It is also deliberately confusing to have the Prime Minister saying that we are there for reconstruction while generals admit that our role is to kill.

To pre-empt a public debate by arranging a sudden parliamentary motion increases the democratic deficit in this country. With a majority of the population against the deployment and not one party willing to say they are also opposed in public shows that there is no real concern for the opinions of constituents. We are asking MPs of good conscience to challenge the government at this crucial time.

The Afghan mission is proposed by the Conservatives to be extended by 2 more years. Such an extension will mean hundreds of Canadian soldiers and thousands more Afghan civilians will be killed before the deployment ends. Mr. Harper may be willing to play games with the lives of innocent people, but the Canadian people are not.

By extending the deployment the Conservatives are waging war not only on the people of Afghanistan, but also on the basic foundations of democracy in this country. We may need to remind Mr. Harper - and the opposition parties - that an election will be coming within that two years and that the peace movement, unlike the Conservatives - are a majority.

Stop the extension. Support our Troops. Bring them home.

2 - Please send messages to the following MPs

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3 - Afghanistan Campaign Links and Resources

Petition: <http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/AfghanistanPetition.pdf>

Factsheet: <http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/CanadaInAfghanistan.pdf>

Sample Letter to MPs: <http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/AfghanistanLetters.htm>

MP Emails: <http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/MPemails.htm>

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