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As you are aware, the Selective Service System has stood as an affront to the ideals of liberty and justice in America for more than 30 years. Hundreds of thousands of young men have had their lives needlessly disrupted in the last five years alone. Even at a time when our country hopefully is in the last stages of withdrawing from a war made possible by the existence of military conscription, we find seven to eight thousand men a month still being drafted.

But quite aside from the simple injustice of a nation subjecting its young to involuntary service are the unnumbered injustices inherent in the operation of the Selective Service System itself. Often frustrating a young person's life for periods of several months or even years, the draft stands as a terrible blemish, tinging all that is good in American life, and reflecting those tendencies against which so many of you have fought so long-- racism, militarism, the vanity of the powerful and the exploitation of the powerless.

The National Council to Repeal the Draft has a single purpose-- to end that system which thrives on what is most evil in our society.

The President's induction authority expires in less than 11 months. NCRD is now working with members of Congress as well as with those who are candidates for Congress this year, seeking commitments against further extension of the induction power. We successfully worked for an anti-draft plank in the Democratic platform and are hopeful of a similar success with the Republican platform.

Regardless of the outcome of Presidential and Congressional elections this year, there will be a tough Congressional fight on the draft next year. We need your contribution now if we are to be prepared for that struggle. You can help make this the last year of conscription in America. A reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Howard C. Maxwell