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DA: June 25, 2018

RE: Wisconsin National Guard

It has come to our attention that you have ordered approximately two dozen Wisconsin National Guard members to the southwest border to assist the Arizona National Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol in securing its border with Mexico. We objected to this dubious practice in the past and we continue to object to it today as do governors on both sides of the aisle. These governors could not, in good conscience, abide by the unconscionable action of this administration of separating families at the U.S.-Mexican boarder.

Two examples: Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland, Rep. and Gov. Ralph Northan, Dem. decided not to send any additional troops and requested any members currently on the border return home. Gov. Hogan: *"Until this policy of separating children from their families has been rescinded, Maryland will not deploy any National Guard resources to the border. ... Earlier this morning, I ordered our 4 crew members & helicopter to immediately return from where they were stationed in New Mexico."* Gov. Northan: *"When Virginia deployed these resources to the border, we expected that they would play a role in preventing criminals, drug runners and other threats to our security from crossing into the U.S.--not supporting a policy of arresting families and separating children from their parents."* ***The Washington Times 6.19.2018***

Gov. Walker, as loyal citizens of Wisconsin, we demand that you bring our troops home immediately. Surely, as a person of faith, you must know that no good can come from the decision you have made thus allowing for the appearance of complicity in the immoral action of the Trump Administration. Public pressure causing President Trump's abrupt policy reversal nonetheless still leaves families in a state of utter confusion. Leaving families together, but in prison-like conditions with no statute of limitation as to how long family-detainment will last, or even be reunited in many cases, is totally unacceptable. We join our fellow citizens in vehemently urging you to withdraw your complicity in this matter, and bring the Wisconsin National Guard home now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vigil for Peace

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