

WILLIAM E. RUHAAK,
Petitioner,

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Docket No. 21542-17 L

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
Respondent

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William E. Ruhaak
Statement of Conscience

This is a personal statement concerning conscience, money and the sanctity of human life. I am writing this statement to explain why I must resist the payment of federal income taxes to the government of the United States of America. My conscience and everything within me is telling me "NO" don't do it.

The government of the United States coerces and compels all taxpayers to support the killing of human beings. I believe that I am personally responsible whenever the tax money I pay supports the use of lethal force: whenever that money is used to take the lives of the unborn, the lives of prisoners, or the lives of anyone caught in the conflict of warmaking.

I can not and I will not pay for any government involvement in the practice of abortion. Human life is sacred from the moment of conception.

I can not and I will not pay for capital punishment. This barbaric practice has been discouraged by international human rights treaties for many decades. The beginning and end of every human life must remain in God's hands.

I can not and I will not pay for warfare, nuclear warheads, and the endless production of the weapons of war. I know that the conduct of warmaking is a crime against all of humanity. I can not remain silent and I will not be complicit. The best way for me to put my conscience into action is to say "NO" to paying taxes used for war.

I share these moral convictions and religious beliefs with many other people.

I want to pay a fair share of my income to the federal government. However, the current tax policy of my country impinges upon a fundamental human right: the freedom of conscience.

Everyone has responsibilities to their family, to their community, and to humankind. We can find a respectful way to provide alternative service for the tax dollars of those persons who will not pay money that is used for killing.