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NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends,

We are organizing! After years in the making, I am excited to announce that the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) has a new field organizer and outreach consultant. Even more exciting, it's me!

I grew up in a family of war tax resisters and political organizers. In middle school, I went to my first protests against the war in Iraq, and have been an activist and war tax resister ever since. Over the past three years, I have worked with native and non-native people fighting environmental injustice, prisoners demanding freedom at Angola Prison, and coalitions protesting police terror.

This is a powerful time for NWTRCC, and a powerful time for our movements. Heart-wrenching atrocities are happening every day. On October 1, the police murdered 18-year old Carnell Snell, Jr. in Los Angeles. The next day, the U.S. military killed 13 Afghan civilians in a drone strike. In response to this constant violence here and abroad, our movements are increasingly intersectional, bringing people together across identity lines in a shared struggle for justice. We have work to do, and we can only accomplish it together.

In mid-October, I was lucky to be part of a day long dialogue in Amherst, Massachusetts, with war tax resisters and people from other movements. It focused on bridging divides to connect our struggles. NWTRCC has a lot to offer, and a lot to learn, from those who are organizing alongside us. With 35 years of experience, NWTRCC is poised to support a new wave of people who refuse to pay for war, both wars overseas and wars in the streets here at home.

With your support, we are taking on bold new initiatives this year. We are organizing in colleges and high schools. We are also leading workshops on tax resistance for activists in campaigns to end police terror, stop deportations, and abolish prisons. We see that these issues are directly connected to war, and by strengthening our relationships we can ultimately build a more diverse and powerful movement.

Please consider making a donation to support our important intersectional work for the coming year! You can donate online or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope.

Step by step, we are moving towards a more just and peaceful world together! Thank you for your support.

In solidarity,

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