

## Endorsement #2: Witness Against Torture

Create a standing endorsement for actions and events sponsored by Witness Against Torture.

### Background

NWTRCC currently has standing endorsements for the following groups: Campaign Nonviolence (Nov 2015), World Beyond War (May 2014), Ally to US Social Forum (May 2014), Conscience and Peace Tax International (Nov. 2012), Peoples Charter to Create A Nonviolent World (May 2012), Global Day of Action on Military Spending partner (2012), United for Peace and Justice (before 2008)

Witness Against Torture (WAT) called the NWTRCC office in early October 2020 asking if we would sign our name to a statement demanding that Joe Biden commit his presidential campaign to the closing of Guantanamo Bay. They needed a response in seven days, which is not enough time to approve a NWTRCC endorsement. WAT is a group dedicated to using nonviolent direction action to close Guantanamo Bay. They are very similar to SOAWatch and it seems likely that we would approve any action that they would ask us to endorse. It is also encouraging they are actively seeking our endorsement, since many peace groups shy away from war tax resistance.

*-Submitted by Lincoln Rice.*