This is an open invitation to all activist groups, political parties, anti poverty groups, labour groups, unions, charity organizations, student unions, clubs/groups of universities & colleges, city hall councilors, community leagues, peace groups, and of course all people of Edmonton & beyond.

George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States, will be speaking in Edmonton, Alberta at the Shaw-Conference Centre on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 4 P.M to 7 P.M.

This planned protest has been formed for the people of Alberta and beyond who believe that George W. Bush is a war criminal and that he should not be welcome in our province except with a pair of handcuffs and a ticket to the international criminal court.

As president of the United States, Bush presided over one of the most unpopular presidencies both within the US and around the world. He turned widespread sympathy for the people of America after the 9-11 attacks into fear, disgust and disbelief at the execution of the so-called "War on Terror" which included the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.

The charges of war crimes, which are now being researched and carried forward by hundreds of lawyers and activists of all political stripes within the US and around the world, arise from the illegal invasion of Iraq - now widely acknowledged to have been started under false pretenses and in breach of the UN Charter and international law. The war in Iraq has claimed the lives of innocent civilian Iraqis estimated to number in the hundreds of thousands to over a million. In addition, more than 4000 US soldiers have perished with tens of thousands more injured. Not to mention Canada's involvement.

Under the Bush administration, illegal detention, torture and extraordinary rendition became official policy and the world watched in horror as the conditions within prisons such as Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay were revealed. Geneva Conventions were thrown out the door and George W. Bush and his cohorts attempted to elevate themselves above the law.

For these and other reasons too numerous to count, we will oppose George W. Bush's visit to Edmonton and make our message heard to the people of the world "George W. Bush is not welcome in Edmonton". We have a conscience and we will not let the visit of a war criminal go unnoticed and unopposed.

We reject the nightmarish world built upon hatred and fear that the Bush administration laid out for us. Instead we choose to build a future based on the dignity of all human beings and respect for life.

Please join us.

Edmonton, Alberta at the Shaw-Conference Centre on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 4 - 7p.m

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