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SILICON VALLEY IMPEACHMENT COALITION

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It's time for us to scrap the motto "Speak truth to power." What has speaking truth to power gained us other than a clear conscience? Having the truth on our side allows us to wash our hands of Bush's bloody misadventure, but what else does it actually accomplish? Power responds to power, not truth.

Beyond the Choir

Bob McEllrath
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Dear President McEllrath:

We, in the Silicon Valley Impeachment Coalition (SVIC), are extremely grateful for the courageous action taken by the ILWU this May Day, 2008. To bring to a halt all the shipping on the West Coast of the United States for an entire day with the demand for immediate US withdrawal from both Iraq and Afghanistan tells the world that the struggle for the soul of this country has entered a new phase.

SVIC is working for the impeachment of President Bush and Vice-president Cheney in order to reverse the slide into fascism that they have brought about. However, the war in Iraq is the most horrific of the many crimes of this administration and we fully support all efforts to bring it to an end. We believe that impeachment would not only end this war but help prevent future wars. Conversely, successfully stopping this war would so weaken the Administration that impeachment would be more likely. It's the same struggle.

Many of our members came to San Francisco on May Day to take part in your march. We would like to remain in touch, both with the ILWU and with any other unions who are willing to take similar actions to end this bloody war. We would like to support you in any way that we can: publicity, letter writing, articles in newspapers, lobbying. If there are other things that you can think of, please ask.

In solidarity,

P John Anderson, Merriam Kathaleen, Valerie Carter, ... and others
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Colorful demonstrations and weekend marches are vital but alone are not powerful enough to stop wars. Wars will be stopped only when soldiers refuse to fight, when workers refuse to load weapons onto ships and aircrafts, when people boycott the economic outposts of Empire that are strung across the globe.

Arundhati Roy