

PROTEST

THE MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT

WHEN: Saturday, 11 November 2006
2–4:00 PM

WHERE: North (L St. Side) of Capitol
Park, Sacramento, CA

WHY:

I. The Military Commissions Act denies all non-US citizens detained in the USA the right of habeas corpus, meaning that they may be detained indefinitely without the right to challenge their imprisonment.

II. The Military Commissions Act intentionally makes the definition of “enemy combatant” extremely vague.

III. The Military Commissions Act modifies the War Crimes Act so that if any US officials have recently violated international human rights laws (e.g. the Geneva Convention), they can no longer be accused in court of having committed a war crime. It also allows our current president decide what interrogation methods should be allowed, thus potentially legalizing the abuse on prisoners taking place at Guantánamo bay detention facility and permitting it within the USA.

IV. “Enemy combatants” may be tried in special courts set up by President Bush, courts which would allow the prosecution to use evidence that would not hold up in other courts, as well as not requiring the defendants to know what evidence was being used against them.

