



September 30, 2015

The Honorable Peter Dutton  
Minister for Immigration

Dear Mr. Dutton:

My name is Cheryl Sullenger. I serve as Senior Policy Advisor for Operation Rescue in the United States.

It is my understanding that you have cancelled a visa for Mr. Troy Newman, who is the president of Operation Rescue and that on your government's order, United Airlines denied Mr. Newman passage on his flight from Denver to Los Angeles yesterday.

I am writing to clarify a few points that may have been incorrectly related to you by those seeking the cancellation of Mr. Newman's visa.

First, Mr. Newman has never advocated violence against abortion providers or abortion facilities. In fact, quite the opposite. Newman has always advocated that peaceful involvement of citizens in the political, legal, and justice systems to document abortion abuses and call for prosecutions of abortion providers and facilities that are breaking the law. In doing so, Mr. Newman is serving a great public service encouraging the government to properly discipline those who are committing violations that have caused harm to women.

I am in possession of a letter to you written by Terri Butler, MP, quoting from a book called *Their Blood Cries Out*, written by Mr. Newman and me in 2000. She has pulled quotes from that book completely out of context in order to twist the meaning and imply something about Mr. Newman that is utterly false.

That book was a theological study of a Biblical concept that I cannot expect Ms. Butler to completely understand, given her apparent world view. There is a distinct difference between saying that the Bible gives the authority to governments to execute justice, as we explained in the book, and advocating that individuals commit murder of abortion providers as Ms. Butler erroneously has accused Mr. Newman of doing.

Here is a pertinent quote from *Their Blood Cries Out*:

The four different forms of government that God has established each have certain responsibilities and limitations. Civil justice – that is, the justice that civil rulers are to execute in behalf of the land as a whole – is not something that an individual on his own

can accomplish. Families and churches do not have the authority to execute anyone or convene courts for civil justice...Individuals, families, or churches operating on their own cannot establish justice on behalf of the civil authorities.

It is our religious belief that governments have the discretionary authority to execute criminals that have been convicted of capital crime in a court of law, if their laws permit it, but that individuals are not allowed to usurp that authority and take matters into their own hands. This religious belief is completely inconsistent with supporting the murdering abortion providers, as Mr. Newman has been so slanderously accused.

The truth is that even in that book and subsequent books that we have authored together, we always make the strong point that we reject violence as a solution to abortion or any other problem.

This gambit by Ms. Butler and others is merely a politically motivated attempt to silence Mr. Newman's message of peaceful pro-life activism within the confines of the law. I believe these people also wish to prevent him from sharing his knowledge of videos released by the Center for Medical Progress, where he also serves as a Board Member, that provide *prima facie* evidence that Planned Parenthood is engaged in the illegal sale of aborted baby remains for profit in America.

Please do not punish Mr. Newman for someone else's misunderstanding or outright misrepresentation of his beliefs. I respectfully request that you restore Mr. Newman's visa and allow him to travel in Australia and conduct his peaceful, law-abiding business there.

Sincerely,



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Senior Policy Advisor  
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