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Minute on Immigration

Greetings,

The Syracuse Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) approved the attached minute #2019-07.05 on July 14, 2019.

Among Quakers, an approved "minute" has the standing of a resolution in parliamentary procedure.

We urge you to read the two pages.

We earnestly urge improvement in government policies towards refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Cope Savage". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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PHYSICS 435: QUANTUM MECHANICS  
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TOPIC: TIME-DEPENDENT PERTURBATION THEORY

Syracuse Monthly Meeting of Friends  
Immigration Letter

Recognizing that human migration is a complex and difficult issue, we, the members and attenders of Syracuse Friends Meeting (Quakers), strongly believe that current U.S. government action toward refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants on the U.S. border with Mexico is not acceptable.

As people of faith and people of hope, we devote our lives to love and respect for all people on this earth. As Americans, we are committed to ideals of equality and justice. Within our community, many of us have are especially sensitive to childhood separation issues, because we have personally experienced them. From the core of our being, we are horrified and appalled by what the U.S. government is doing to asylum seekers in our name and with our money, and we believe that these actions undermine basic humanitarian values.

The basic rule for living with decency and honor, common to all major religions in the world, is that we treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves. We ask that we do all in our power to ensure that, as Americans, we carry out this basic human commitment.

We have three specific concerns:

1. We are horrified to see the prison conditions under which we are holding children, families, and individuals, without sufficient food, water, hygiene, beds or adequate blankets. Especially in the case of children, detention and separation from families is incredibly stressful. No amount of time in detention is safe for the mental and emotional health of children.

We are the richest nation on earth. We are responsible for these children and these families. We are failing them.

**Requested action:** Reunite children with families and care-givers immediately. Provide basic access to service providers such as social workers, lawyers, doctors, and psychologists to ease the damage we as a nation have caused to these families. Establish humane standards of care, including medical care, with appropriate inspections. Close

detention centers as soon as possible.

2. We are deeply disturbed by the deliberate slow-down of asylum/refugee processing. We understand that there are days and weeks when no asylum seekers are allowed to cross the southern U.S. border. No wonder people are desperate and choose to cross illegally through the desert.

**Requested action:** Immediately begin processing asylum seekers in a timely and efficient manner. Provide every asylum seeker with legal representation. Return to previous policy of releasing asylum seekers together as families into the U.S. while they await hearings.

3. Immigrant families are no threat to the U.S. where the birth rate within the U.S. is below replacement for our current population. Our economy needs refugee and immigrant families as workers and taxpayers. In our small community alone, we have experience with the negative impact of declining immigration in diverse employment fields, including truck driving, dairy farming, tomato and fruit picking, and nursing home work.

**Requested action:** Begin work on long-term bi-partisan immigration policies that will welcome immigrants as one hope for a better future for this country.

We do not consent to our tax dollars being used to keep refugees in prison-like conditions. This is not acceptable—ever. It is a betrayal of our deepest beliefs as Americans and people of faith, and an embarrassment for the U.S. before the world.

We speak out of love and compassion for all who live on this earth. We speak out of hope for the future. We speak because we can no longer remain silent. Please act.

Thank you.