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Dear Ms. Randall,

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends sent the following Peace Minute to our Representatives and Legislators.

"We, of the Virginia Beach Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, stand up and speak out for peaceful action. We value the lives of all human beings. We declare our faith in the abiding truths that every individual of every race and nation, is of supreme worth; that love is the highest law of life; and that evil is to be overcome, not by further evil, but by good.

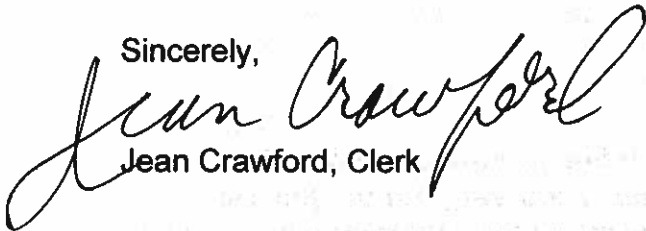
We call on the President and Congress to return our nation to the path of diplomacy and international engagement. We support efforts in Congress seeking deliberation.

As Quakers, we ourselves must find effective new ways to speak for peace; to insist on justice in our own land; to care for the earth we hold in trust; and to welcome the refugees as we build an ever more just, visionary, dynamic, and hospitable nation.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., if we do not rise to these challenges, "we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark, and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight."

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Jean Crawford, Clerk