Raleigh Friends Meeting
Minute regarding ICE Facilities
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As members of Raleigh Friends Meeting, we feel compelled to speak out for the rights and dignity of our immigrant and refugee neighbors. As Quakers, we believe in that of God in everyone and that all deserve to be treated with respect and fairness. We make this public witness out of our sacred duty to work to protect all people (adults and children), our community, and our neighbors.

We speak now in opposition to the potential development of major new detention centers and new offices by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in North Carolina. At this writing, there are news reports that DHS has purchased or is in the process of buying property for three large detention centers (in Concord, Greensboro and Winton) and two office buildings (Cary and Charlotte).

Many report that the conditions and operation of DHS detention centers are inhumane, violating standards of human decency. Adults and children are held without due process or access to legal support. They are subject to unsanitary conditions, inadequate/inedible food, violence, mistreatment and withholding of medical care.

As people of faith, we are obliged to speak out in opposition to the wrongful and inhumane treatment, and the denial of due process and civil rights, of people in our communities. We oppose the construction and operation of any ICE facilities.