

## **Milwaukee Friends Meeting Stance on Federal Policy Change Allowing Enforcement Agents to Enter Houses of Worship and Other Sensitive Locations.**

The Milwaukee Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) stands firmly in opposition to the expansion of the Department of Homeland Security authority to enter sensitive locations such as places of worship, hospitals, and schools in order to detain our immigrant friends.

Further, The Milwaukee Friends Meeting stands in solidarity with the Quaker meetings and the dozens of faith groups suing the Department of Homeland Security and its secretary for removing protections from places of worship and other sensitive locations.

Further, The Milwaukee Friends Meeting stands firmly in opposition to those statements and policies aimed at demonizing our immigrant friends - including undocumented immigrants. Instead of demonizing immigrants and detaining them for deportation, we should be celebrating the rich traditions and diversity they bring to our communities and the financial support they provide across the state.

Our immigrant friends have become woven into the fabric of our communities. In Wisconsin, and across the country, they are a vital part of our workforce. They contribute treasure, talent and time. In Wisconsin they are especially critical to the dairy industry.

We note the deep human suffering the altered policy causes immigrants. As well, we too are suffering from the loss of friends in our community and the possible loss of stability in our worship, leading us to opposing this policy and supporting other lawsuits.