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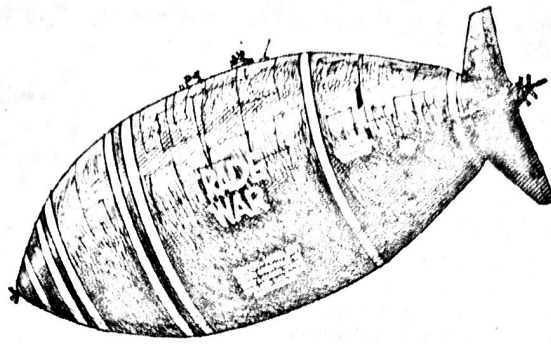
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## Stay away from our worship

Regarding the Jan. 27 article "Trump officials issue quotas to ICE officers in attempt to ramp up arrests":

The new administration is trying to demonize immigrants and refugees and justify extreme anti-immigrant policies that are at odds with the core ethics of the prophetic Jewish tradition and the teachings of Jesus. One example is then-Department of Homeland Security acting secretary Benjamin Huffman revoking a directive that barred armed Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents from invading houses of worship without permission. As Quakers, we object to this heartless attack on religious liberty.

In response, we stand in full support of a lawsuit filed on Jan. 27 in the U.S. District Court in Maryland challenging Homeland Security's authorization. Two D.C.-area Quaker meetings, Adelphi Friends and Richmond Friends, have joined three regional Quaker bodies — Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and New England Yearly Meeting — as plaintiffs in the suit.

As clerks at Friends Meeting of Washington, we are committed to the same gospel values of justice, compassion and love of neighbor that inspired this lawsuit. We also stand in solidarity with the Right Rev. Mariann Budde, who urged President Donald Trump to temper his policies toward immigrants and members of the LGBTQ+ community with mercy and respect for human dignity. We fully support the lawsuit's request that the court declare

unconstitutional any policy permitting government agents to carry out immigration enforcement activities at houses of worship when those policies are limited only by agents' subjective common sense.

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## We'll need a new plan

Every day, teachers make sure their classroom doors are locked and that students know the plan in the event of a shooter. We practice lockdown drills. We remind the kids to help barricade the door and pick up anything nearby in case they need to throw it at someone who would enter the room with a gun. We are as prepared to confront an armed intruder as we can be.

But it has never crossed my mind, until now, that the intruder entering my classroom with a gun could be a person authorized to do so by the federal government.

We are going to need a new plan.  
**Eileen McClure Nelson, Burke**

## You got a warrant?

President Donald Trump and White House border czar Tom Homan are targeting undocumented immigrants in schools and churches. But there's a

## How to improve immigration

I applaud President Donald Trump's box economic policies, many of which substantially benefit our country. I don't believe there can be a tremendous improvement in immigration without having an experienced and capable president — if he implements the policies.

As a pro-business president, I would consider a more moderate approach to liberalize restrictions on legal immigration to our economy. Most Americans support deporting undocumented immigrants and convicted criminals. Public safety is much weaker, and the policies are very costly and would slow our economic growth. Most Americans know that the overwhelming majority of undocumented immigrants are people chasing the American dream, like our ambitious forefathers. I, for one, support our country's greatest strength: the inclusion of immigrants.

Trump should consider amnestying undocumented immigrants under certain circumstances, such as for those who have been in the country for a certain number of years without incident. To mitigate the massive cost of deportation, we could encourage undocumented immigrants to return to their own countries and offer them incentives for adopting a policy that would give them a path for returning through legal immigration.

Trump should also liberalize immigration for unskilled and skilled workers to address the effects of massive deportations. In areas where we have an inadequate labor force, birth rates that have fallen below replacement level, which could result in a declining workforce and a stagnant economy, we need to replenish a healthy labor supply. We need to effectively compete internationally by liberalizing immigration in the face of global competition.

Trump could be a rare president who has an enlightened immigration policy. I ask that he demonstrate his strategy, basing it on sound economic policy rather than on sound economic policy.

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