Fairmount Friends Meeting

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Reconfiguration Task Force Indiana Yearly Meeting 4715 Wheeling Ave. Muncie, Indiana 47304

Dear Task Force Co-Chairpersons,

Fairmount Friends Meeting has given considerable thought, prayer and discussion over the past few months regarding the direction IYM Task Force was taking in forming Yearly Meetings A & B. It became apparent a minority group of Friends was driving the dissolution of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We feel this direction would be detrimental to the long term viability of The Religious Society of Friends and its ministry. To force the dissolution of Indiana Yearly Meeting would be a waste of precious resources spent on legal fees and other expenses instead of using that time and money for the greater mission and purpose of the church. Fairmount Friends Meeting strongly feels Indiana Yearly Meeting should remain as a legal entity.

Fairmount Friends Meeting has undergone the process of discernment to determine the type of yearly meeting which we want to affiliate. This process began with our monthly meeting's commission on ministry and oversight. A recommendation was brought to monthly meeting which was approved. Fairmount Friends Meeting wishes to affiliate with "Yearly Meeting B" as described in the IYM Reconfiguration Task Force documents.

With our selection to affiliate with "Yearly Meeting B" we also expect this yearly meeting to be the current Indiana Yearly Meeting as it is legally structured and with the authority that ensures compliance with Faith and Practice and adopted statements of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We support the yearly meeting's authority to set bounds and exercise authority over subordinate monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Russell, Clerk

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Donald E. Wright, Representative

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