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*2020 Report Enclosed:
FCNL Report to Yearly Meetings*

Dear Gary Hornsby, Paul Klever, and Sally Freeman,

We hope this note finds you safe and doing all you can to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In just a few short weeks, this pandemic has changed our daily lives—here in the United States and around the world. It will touch every one of us. And in this time, our worship, our daily practice, and our community of Friends becomes ever more vital.

We write today to let you know that we are holding you in the Light as you discern what is possible in bringing together your yearly meeting. We have now completed one virtual gathering of 500 young people and are taking steps to prepare for prevention and protection of ourselves, our loved ones, and our community as a primary responsibility. We are also continuing to advocate for essential public policies to assure that those who are vulnerable because of health or income status will receive the care they need.

While our physical presence at your yearly meeting is not likely, we all stand ready to assist in any way that we can – with prayers, discernment and virtual engagement. In the last few weeks, we have found much energy among Friends to be together in this new virtual reality.

Attached you will find the 2020 Friends Committee on National Legislation annual program report to yearly meetings. The report summarizes FCNL's activities and highlights our priorities for the year. We hope you will share this report with your member meetings by publishing it in documents and/or in the minute book you share with your Yearly Meeting.

FCNL is a Quaker organization whose governance (General Committee) is appointed by yearly meetings, and as such, our work reflects our deep connections within the Friends community. The General Committee's oversight and spiritual stewardship guides the world we



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seek to build together, as does the insight of local meetings and churches in helping to shape FCNL's legislative policies and lobbying priorities.

Please be in touch with Diane directly at dianerandall@fcnl.org if you have questions about FCNL's work, or this report.

With gratitude,

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Clerk, General Committee

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General Secretary

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CC: FCNL Representatives

