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Dear Fellow Friends at Langley Hill Friends Meeting,

Herndon Friends Meeting sends our love and support to all of those associated with your Meeting who now grieve the loss of Tom Fox. We unite with you in sadness and struggle to comprehend the actions taken against Tom. Many of us who knew him have no doubt that he faced as difficult a situation as life can bring with the intensity of spirit and clarity of purpose that were so characteristic of him. Like Tom, Langley Hill Friends Meeting, thrust so suddenly into the spotlight during an extremely difficult time, also demonstrated intensity of spirit and clarity of purpose. Your actions in faithfully conducting the Friday vigils and serving as a focal point for compassionate communication and support during this moment on the global stage, displayed the strength and best nature of a Quaker Meeting Community.

Tom leaves us as a living legacy his compelling example of what it means to stand up for your beliefs. His steadfastness really exemplifies what our Faith and Practice for Baltimore Yearly Meeting says, "The development of inward peace is part of the process of making outward peace."

With prayers for comfort and well-being to our fellow Friends, Tom's family, and all those who mourn his loss,

Respectfully submitted,


Lone Taylor, Clerk

Herndon Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Twelfth Day, Third Month, 2006