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Dear Louisville Metro Council Members,

Please see the statement below which was approved by Louisville Quakers at our regular Meeting for Business on Sunday, March 10, 2024:

Friends Meeting of Louisville (Quakers) urges all levels of the American government--from our Metro Council to President Biden and members of Congress -- to use all means of persuasion to bring Hamas and the Israeli government together to immediately conclude an agreement for:

- an extended ceasefire in Gaza;
- wide access to humanitarian aid for civilians; and
- release of hostages and political prisoners on both sides
- a cessation of military aid from the United States to any party in the conflict

Since the 1940s, we have seen Palestinians yearning for self-determination. Both Israelis and the Palestinians have a right to a homeland.

Quakers do not countenance terrorism nor deaths of civilians by either side. The US and international community have a responsibility to help bring about a lasting ceasefire. War is not the answer.

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