West Branch Friends Meeting, Inc. Grampian, PA 16830 Ronald D Thorp, Clerk April 12, 2021

Mr. Wayne W. Finegar, II Acting General Secretary Baltimore Yearly Meeting 17100 Quaker Lane Sandy Spring, MD 20860

RE:

West Branch Friends

Affiliation with Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Dear Mr. Finegar,

As clerk of the West Branch Friends Meeting, Inc., I have been instructed by the members to draft this letter to Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM). After much discernment and discussions within the Meeting we have collectively made the decision to sever our affiliation with Baltimore Yearly Meeting. This decision has not been an easy one for the Meeting.

God, above all, and the teachings of the bible are the basis of our beliefs and practices. There is that of God in everyone. It is our duty to seek spiritual guidance in our daily living through the Inner Light and to acknowledge that same Light in others, and to let our Lights shine portraying these Truths.

Approved in a meeting of worship with concerns for business held April 11, 2021.

Respectfully,

Ronald D. Thorp

Clerk