



United States Department of State

*Bureau of Population, Refugees,
and Migration*

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Ms. Addison,

Thank you for your input regarding proposed refugee placements in South Carolina for the U.S. Department of State's Reception and Placement (R&P) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2017. The Department of State recognizes the generous support the state of South Carolina continues to provide to refugees. This support helps ensure refugees are able to move quickly toward becoming independent, productive members of their new communities.

We gave your response to our request for comments full consideration. In finalizing placement plans for South Carolina, we also considered prior agency performance, current refugee pipeline data, feedback received from other stakeholders regarding state and local environmental factors, and feedback from our external review panel. The final approved placement numbers for FY 2017 are as follows:

Affiliate	<i>Individuals with U.S. Ties</i>	<i>Individuals without U.S. Ties</i>	Total Approved for FY 2017 (Individuals)
LIRS – Charleston	5	95	100
LIRS – Columbia	100	150	250
WR – Spartanburg	120	60	180
TOTAL – South Carolina	225	305	530

Note that numbers approved by PRM are to be viewed as an annual plan for each site. Changes may be made to this plan throughout the year for a variety of reasons. An affiliate may exceed its final approved number by up to ten percent without approval from PRM. To exceed ten percent of the approved number, it is our practice to receive concurrence from the State Refugee Coordinator before approving the increase.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued interest in refugee resettlement and in the well-being of the members of South Carolina communities who have fled persecution abroad and found refuge in the United States. My staff and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the coming year on this important partnership.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Bartlett

Director

Office of Refugee Admissions