

To: Governor Nikki Haley

From: Human Rights Watch

Date: November 16, 2016

Re: Refugee Resettlement in the United States

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

Attached herein are signed petitions from Human Rights Watch supporters urging you to reconsider your position on the resettlement of Syrian refugees in your state.

Also included is a Human Rights Watch t-shirt with our name and slogan written in Arabic. We hope it inspires you to take a stand for the defense of human rights and dignity for all.

Sincerely,
Concerned US citizens and supporters of Human Rights Watch

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State of South Carolina

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Ms. Mary Davis, Longs, SC

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Paula B. Carson

Ms. Paula Carson, Anderson, SC

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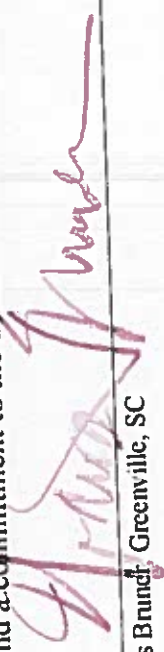
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Sheldon Bon

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Marilyn H. Gearhart - a Bible-believing Christian

Ms. Marilyn Gearhart, Bluffton, SC

who votes - Jesus would help the refugees!

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I agree!! Keep them out of America.

Frank L. Bordell

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Mr. Frank Bordell, Mauldin, SC

FOR MY RIGHTS!!

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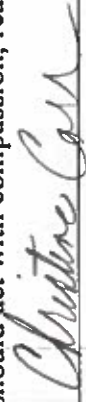
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Assimilating refugees into SC will expand and enhance SC's economy!

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Jay K. Weidner

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