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**The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
State House, First Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

Dear Governor Haley,

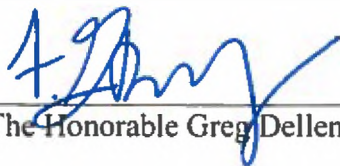
In light of the increase in terrorism throughout the world, South Carolinians have genuine concerns that some persons believed to be seeking refuge within our borders may have direct ties with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) or the group commonly known as ISIS.

According to multiple reports, at least one of the terrorists responsible for the Paris attacks disguised himself as a refugee to gain access into Europe. As more information emerges, it is unquestionably clear that these terrorists will execute whatever means necessary to infiltrate and murder innocent civilians.

In order to keep our citizens safe, we urge you to reconsider your recent approval of the federal government's State Plan Certification. As the executive of this State, you are the only person vested with the authority to establish or change the plan for a Refugee Resettlement Program in South Carolina.

Although the FBI and Department of Homeland Security intend to conduct a thorough vetting process, there is no proof that these efforts will be successful. Without proper assurances for vetting any refugees, we do not believe it is a safe or wise policy for South Carolina to assist with this process. At least six other governors are rejecting the federal government's plans to relocate refugees within their borders with more to follow. We urge you to do the same as quickly as possible.

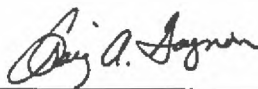
Sincerely,




The Honorable Greg Delleney



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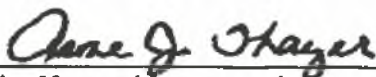
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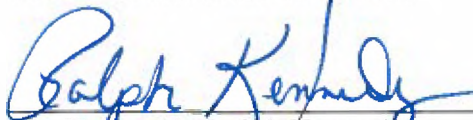
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