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RE: Syrian Refugees

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**VIA MAIL AND FACSIMILE**

November 24, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Syrian Refugees

Dear Governor Haley,

On behalf of the Anti-Defamation League ("ADL"), I write to express our deep disappointment in your announced opposition to accepting Syrian refugees to South Carolina. We urge you to reconsider your position and keep the state's doors open during this humanitarian crisis.

ADL is the nation's leading civil rights and human relations organization combating anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, as well as promoting understanding and diversity throughout the United States and abroad. Since its founding in 1913, ADL has advocated for fair and humane treatment of aspiring Americans, especially those victims seeking refuge from conflict.

South Carolina must not give into fear or bias by turning its back on our nation's fundamental commitment to refugee protection and human rights. Now is precisely the time to stand up for our core values, including that we are a proud nation of immigrants. To do otherwise signals to the terrorists that they are winning the battle against democracy and freedom.

The current refugee crisis in Europe is the worst since World War II. The Jewish community is particularly affected by the images of men, women, and children forced to flee their homes only to find that they are unwanted anywhere else. Many of these refugees are fleeing the same terrorists who perpetrated the horrendous attacks on Paris.

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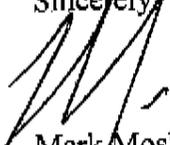
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We therefore request that you look at the current multi-layered security screening for refugees already in place before reaching for new restrictions. And we ask that you ensure that your refugee policies are consistent with the South Carolina values that have made the state a welcoming place for victims of oppression since its founding.

Sincerely,



Mark Moskowitz
Regional Director