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The Honorable Nikki Haley
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Dear Governor Haley,

Thank you very much for your response. I have also received information from your Department of Social Services that I will review soon. You note that you will call upon the federal government to "provide greater transparency in the vetting process and renewed assurances about the security risks of individuals...." Governor, does this mean the individuals currently scheduled to come to Spartanburg or individuals in the future? I certainly hope that you will insist upon receiving those assurances before anyone comes into South Carolina, including those slated for arrival soon in Spartanburg.

Governor, I am including here two articles that illustrate the potential disaster that awaits Spartanburg County, and all of SC, if we are not fully aware of who exactly is coming into our state and for what reasons. Monday's Wall Street Journal reported on six Somalis arrested in MN for planning to travel to Syria and join ISIS. It is not yet known how they came to MN, but they are part of a greater Somali migrant and refugee (some of whom arrived as part of the US State Department Program) immunity.

The other article is from February and reports that MN feared this sort of occurrence precisely because they had no idea who these people were or what intentions they held. I trust that you see the cause for concern in Spartanburg.

Governor, you have the ability to stop this program right now, and I urge you to do so until your requests for more information from the federal government are met. You have told us that you have little confidence in the processes of the US State Department for conducting this program, and I share your concern. Please err on the side of caution for the sake of our citizens.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/AP780553dab0eb45929fd2133ba75630af>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/feb/24/islamist-terror-groups-target-minnesota-somali-ref/?page=all>

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Martin".

Shane Martin, Senator
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cc: Spartanburg County Delegation