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All,

I wanted to put something on your radar.

Kevin Bryant wrote us a letter asking us to "cancel the agreement that you and the South Carolina Department of Social Services have made with third party groups to provide shelter to these potential terrorists."

In fuller context:

"The citizens of Spartanburg County pleaded with you back in the Spring to halt the influx of unknown and unaccountable strangers into their community. The promises of the Obama Administration that it had vetted these individuals probably mirrored those given by the European Union to Parisians – and see where we are now. We simply cannot welcome potential terrorists as 'refugees' from jihadist strongholds in the Middle East and Africa."

"Your record of support for this program must end – today. I again join my colleagues in the General Assembly and implore you to cancel the agreement that you and the South Carolina Department of Social Services have made with third party groups to provide shelter to these potential terrorists. Your first duty is to South Carolina and her citizens. Please do not fail them."

I wanted to get guidance from the group on what we should be thinking about saying to press if we get requests for reaction to whether we can cancel the program. The Spartanburg County Council is set to consider whether to ask us to do the same thing. We could get questions to our office or to Social Service. Let me know y'all's thoughts.

Rob

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