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**Date:** 9/26/2014 12:20:40 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Iowa

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Good afternoon Ms. Finotti,

Thank you for inquiring about the influx of illegal minors crossing our nation's southern border, its effects on South Carolina, and the Governor's position in this important matter. Below is the Governor's response, which contains information that we hope you find helpful. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me directly. I can be reached by phone at 803-734-6068.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schimsa  
Office of the Governor

Dear Ms. Finotti,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns about the ongoing illegal immigration crisis at our nation's southern border. As the daughter of immigrants who came to this country legally, I assure you that I value the American tradition of being a nation of immigrants, but first and foremost, I understand that we are a nation of laws. As long as our border remains dangerously unsecure and incentives for mass migration continue to exist, I will continue to call for the federal government to change its policies and uphold the rule of law.

In July, I spoke directly with Secretary Jeh Johnson of the United States Department of Homeland Security about the influx of unaccompanied minors and the impact it may have upon the State of South Carolina. I was assured that South Carolina facilities are not being used as mass shelters to house the unaccompanied minors crossing our border – and I asked to be personally notified of any shift in that policy. Recently, we learned that approximately 491 unaccompanied minors have been placed with sponsors in our state, but the federal government will not provide names, ages, locations, or sponsors citing federal privacy issues.

The humanitarian crisis of unaccompanied minors at our border, once again, highlights the failure of the federal government to adequately perform its most basic and crucial function: securing the sovereignty of the United States of America. Be assured that I will continue to monitor this situation and will take action when and where possible to deter illegal immigration.

Again, thank you for contacting me about this important matter. God bless.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

**From:** Betty Finotti <betfin169@live.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Iowa  
**Date:** September 22, 2014 at 9:54:44 PM EDT

To: Murrell Smith <[murrell@leeandmoise.com](mailto:murrell@leeandmoise.com)>

Rep. Smith,

Considering the information in Mr. Johnson's letter to Gov. Haley, I find it contradictory that the news reported on July 25 that 350 illegals had been sent to SC. Mr. Johnson is not aware of any plans to create additional shelters or temporary housing in SC, but things have a way of happening, very quickly. Homeland Security has failed to do their job so far, or we would not have this mess in our country. My question for Gov. Haley still is unanswered. What plans has she made to protect the state of SC from an unannounced boat-, plane-, or bus-load of illegals? Also, am I to understand that the 350 placed in SC this year, were placed without Gov Haley's consent and she still doesn't even know where any of them are? Does she know the legal status of anybody in SC? With this kind of stuff going on, I can't imagine how she possibly could. In the meantime, state funds will be expended on these 350, and the many more that have sneaked in unawares, while hard-working legal citizens can't qualify for help because they make \$1.00 more than is allowed to get medicaid or food-stamps (now known as something else). What, if any, information on this situation has Gov. Haley made known to the legal residents of SC? Did I miss the newspaper article, or the radio, or TV, or special dinner update when she informed the people?

Rep. Smith, please don't feel that I am attacking you with these questions. I would just like to try to understand how someone I helped put in office by my vote to protect my rights as a legal resident of this state, isn't doing it. That is how I am feeling right now.

Respectively,  
Betty Finotti

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Mrs. Finotti

Please see below. This is the response to your inquiry from the Governor's office. Please let me know if I can provide you any further information. Thanks, Murrell

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Representative Smith,

I have attached Governor Haley's letter to Secretary Johnson, US Homeland Security and his response.

Below are articles regarding this situation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Katherine

803-767-7583

**Friday, July 25, 2014**

**Associated Press:** SC receives 350 children caught at US border

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=my2NPGHz](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=my2NPGHz)

New federal data show at least 350 children caught at the U.S. border this year have been sent to stay with relatives or other sponsors in South Carolina.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley's office says federal officials will not provide governors any additional information. That includes details on the children's ages, where they're sent in South Carolina or how they arrived.

**New York Times:** National Guard in Texas Could Get Arrest Power

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/25/us/national-guard-in-texas-could-get-arrest-power.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/25/us/national-guard-in-texas-could-get-arrest-power.html?_r=0)

Manny Fernandez

When Gov. Rick Perry of Texas announced plans to deploy 1,000 National Guard troops to help with the border crisis, it came with a power unexpected by some.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina said she had told Mr. Johnson, who spoke at the conference earlier in the day, "You haven't told any of the governors anything" about how to deal with the influx of children and youths.

**Note:** "You want me to educate them, right, you want me to pay their health care, right?" she said she told Mr. Johnson. While she wanted to make sure the newly arrived refugees were safe, she also noted, "We have our own children to take care of."

**ABC News:** Christie, Haley Challenge White House Handling of Migrant Children

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2014/07/christie-haley-challenge-white-house-handling-of-migrant-children/>

Benjamin Siegel

Govs. Nikki Haley of South Carolina and Chris Christie of New Jersey had harsh words for the White House's handling of the border crisis during a Republican governors' panel at the Aspen Ideas Festival Thursday night. Haley worried about the potential costs of temporarily sheltering migrant children in states across the country, despite assurances that the federal government would foot the bill.

**Note:** "We do care about these children ... but we also have our own children to take care of," Haley said.

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This one?

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Rep. Smith,

What would Gov Haley do if SC was sent a plane or bus load of illegal aliens/immigrants by the Obama regime?

By the way, when I researched this article I am forwarding, the correct spelling is Branstad.

Appreciate your looking into this and getting an answer to my question.

Thanks much,

Betty J. Finotti

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Governor Bransted of Iowa had announced: **"Iowa will not take any illegal children."**

Yesterday Obama overruled him and sent him 124 teens, aged 13-19. When the plane landed in Des Moines the airport manager called the office of the Governor. The Governor drove to the airport and chartered a United Airlines plane from Chicago. Within 8 hours all the teens were fed and loaded on that plane. The plane left Iowa at 8 o'clock Des Moines time. Its next stop was Honduras. The plane landed and was unloaded. Four Social Workers from Iowa made sure the teens got safely to the terminal, and the Social Workers told the Honduran officials, "Here are your teens, they have no papers, you let them come illegally to America. We refuse to take them. Iowa has its own laws. Minors from outside our country not accompanied by adults may not enter our state."

Iowa has not heard one thing from Washington.