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Subject: Please re-think settling Syrian refugees into the United States.

I am very disappointed that Lutheran Services Carolinas is settling Syrian refugees into South Carolina.

Once inside the United States an overlooked threat can pose danger to citizens in any state.

Here are some reasons why Americans are concerned about accepting refugees from Syria:

Poll: 13% Of Syrian Refugees Support ISIS, 23% — or almost 1 in 4 — could be susceptible to ISIS recruitment. Immigration: A first-of-its-kind survey of the hordes of Syrian refugees entering Europe found 13% support the Islamic State. The poll should raise alarms about the risks posed by the resettlement of 10,000 refugees in the U.S. The poll of 900 Syrian refugees by the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies also found that another 10% of the displaced Syrians have a lukewarm, but not entirely negative, view of the terror group. That means 23% — or almost 1 in 4 — could be susceptible to ISIS recruitment. It also means as many 2,500 of the 10,000 Syrian refugees that the Obama administration is resettling inside American cities are potential terrorist threats. Investor's Business Daily reported on November 4, 2015.
<http://www.investors.com/poll-13-of-syrian-refugees-support-isis/>

The Homeland Security Committee for the United States House of Representatives issued a report on February 12, 2015 titled: FBI Warns of Intelligence Gap on Foreign Fighters in Syria, Iraq. This report states in part: "We don't have it under control," said Mr. Michael Steinback, Assistant Director for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "Absolutely, we're doing the best we can. If I were to say that we had it under control, then I would say I know of every single individual traveling. I don't. And I don't know every person there and I don't know everyone coming back. So it's not even close to being under control."
<https://homeland.house.gov/press/fbi-warns-intelligence-gap-foreign-fighters-syria-iraq/>

ISIS terrorists have tried to exploit the Syrian refugee program to get into the United States, the House Homeland Security Committee chairman claimed Monday. The Washington Post reported, December 8, 2015.
<http://nypost.com/2015/12/08/isis-trying-to-infiltrate-us-via-syrian-refugee-program-goper/>

CIA Director John Brennan said during the February 14, 2016 episode of CBS 60 Minutes that "ISIS has access to chemical weapons."

<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/cia-director-on-isiss-access-to-chemical-weapons/>

It is very troubling that Lutheran Services Carolina and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service are not making it a priority to keep the people of America safe by not accepting Syrian refugees.