

The Honorable Nikki Haley
State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing this letter asking for you to reconsider your decision to not allow Syrian refugees into South Carolina. We are the United States of America, the greatest country on Earth, and for us to turn our back on people who need help the most is profoundly un-American. We should welcome these new Americans with open arms instead of refusing them because we suspect one of the Paris attackers was a Syrian refugee and currently none have been identified as a refugee. In addition the refugee screening process is extremely intense and rigorous. So if there was a terrorist coming through with the refugees there is a near certain possibility that they would be caught. The new Americans would also help the economy of South Carolina by creating businesses, which would provide new tax revenue to fund our schools and roads, and bringing their skills and expertise to South Carolina which could give our economy a major boost. They would also give South Carolina many cultural benefits, which could make South Carolina a major cultural capital of the United States. This would of course bring in many visitors and business which would further bolster the economy. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue this is an American issue and we should do the American thing by accepting these refugees, regardless of religion. I urge you Governor Haley to make South Carolina an exception and allow refugees in, we are the beacon of freedom and prosperity in the world and as Americans and South Carolinians we should continue on doing so. Remember the inscription on the plaque at the Statue of Liberty: *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside, the golden door!"*

Sincerely,
Caleb Fultz