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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor, State of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

I was very encouraged by your recent remarks in the media that, as of now, you have informed U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, South Carolina will not accept any Syrian refugees until or unless assurances can precede any refugee that they have no ties to terrorist organizations.

We all know that the recent attacks in Paris on innocent citizens will not be the last by those who have no morals and place no value on human life. It should be quite clear to us all, that acts of terrorism will always be lurking around each door, every corner and anywhere free people gather to worship, work, play, shop and maintain productive lives.

Naturally, our hearts ache for those displaced by war, evil dictatorships and living in constant fear from terrorists, but that cannot translate into letting our guard down; we must remain vigilant to protect our state's citizens and our country's way of life.

Please continue to take a strong stance against relocating any Syrian refugees in South Carolina, as the safety of our residents must be first and foremost when making relocation decisions of this magnitude.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark".

Mark N. Willis

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