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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor, State of South Carolina
1st Floor, State House
Via Hand Delivery

Dear Governor Haley:

South Carolina's rich history of opening its arms to immigrants from all cultures and nations of the world is one of which to be rightly proud. As a descendant of Palmetto State immigrant forefathers who were blessed to participate in that great experiment in liberty and freedom referred to by many as the 'American Dream', I am grateful for their dogged determination to do their part to make that great experiment a success. Of course, one need look no further than your own family, Governor Haley, to see and appreciate the benefits and contributions of South Carolina's modern immigrant families! Thank you for being a tangible reminder that the American Dream is alive and well in South Carolina!

Unfortunately, there are those who have another kind of dream; the kind of morose dream that just resulted in hundreds of dead and maimed French citizens. That terrorist-dream came about, at least in part, through a Syrian refugee resettlement program, much akin to the one that President Obama established to resettle 10,000 Syrian refugees throughout participating states, of which South Carolina is one. In the matter of last Friday's terrorist attacks in France, it has been widely reported that at least one of those who carried out the attacks gained entry in the country through the refugee resettlement program. However, in reality, he was an ISIS trained terrorist posing as a refugee.

In light of this new revelation of ISIS' success in infiltrating its' terrorist operatives through a refugee resettlement program, I respectfully request that you terminate or, at a minimum, suspend South Carolina's participation in that program, at least, until such time that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security completes a full review of program participants' security clearances and procedures, and adopts such other security measures that satisfy you that the security of our state as well as the safety of our citizens are not being placed in jeopardy by South Carolina's participation in the program.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Clemmons".

Alan Clemmons