



House of Representatives
State of South Carolina

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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor, State of South Carolina
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Re: ORR Federal Refugee Resettlement Program

Dear Gov. Haley:

With the recent horrific terror attacks in Paris, France has now joined the United States on the frontline in the War on Terror. In response to the attacks, France closed their borders. Other European countries have already done so. The United States should do the same, yet our President does not see the danger.

Common sense dictates that we should not accept refugees from countries that we are at war with. They should be treated humanely, but not here.

Since our President seems unconcerned, the decision falls on your shoulders to suspend South Carolina's involvement with the ORR federal refugee resettlement program.

Some may argue that we accept very few refugees. Statistically they are correct. According to data from the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), 121 refugees were resettled in South Carolina during 2014. They came from the following countries:

Burma	46	Eritrea	11	Iraq	40
Kenya	4	Somalia	11	Syria	0
Ukraine	9				

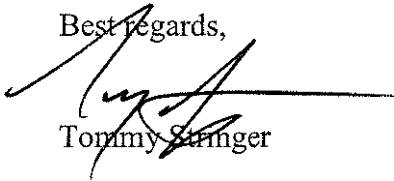
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The total number of refugees settled nationwide was 69,986 of which 19,651 came from Iraq and 132 came from Syria. The number of Syrian refugees is expected to grow dramatically.

Though South Carolina accepts a small number of refugees, we are put in danger from the open borders that we share with our neighboring States and the certainty that our immigration service will not have the resources to detain every terrorist who attempts to enter our country as a refugee.

Given the lethal uncertainty that we face, I ask that you withdraw South Carolina from the refugee resettlement program indefinitely.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Stinger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tommy Stinger