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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor, State of South Carolina
Post Office Box 12267
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Governor Haley:

Please accept this letter requesting that your office take the necessary steps to suspend allowing Syrian refugees into South Carolina. My understanding is that there currently is not a way to adequately and to safely examine refugees coming to the United States and potentially relocating in South Carolina.

I ask that you take this step to protect South Carolina and our citizens' safety in view of what we know at this time and in light of what happened in Paris this past Friday. Over the weekend, Michigan's governor suspended efforts to bring Syrian refugees to Michigan. I expect other states to follow in the days ahead, and I urge you to protect South Carolina by moving swiftly to stop any more Syrian refugees from coming to our state in view of current circumstances.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom", written in dark ink.

State Senator
District # 24