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November 16, 2015

**Via Hand Delivery**

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor, State of South Carolina  
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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".

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor, State of South Carolina  
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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 blue ink that reads "Alan Clemmons".

Alan Clemmons