

From: Sjbaker614 <sjbaker614@aol.com>
To: Veldran, Katherine KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov
CC: Schimsa, Rebecca RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov
tyoung@tomyounglaw.com
Date: 10/22/2014 3:58:41 PM
Subject: Re: Immigrant children questions

Ms. Veldran,

Thank you for your response, but I did not find an attachment.

Steve Baker

-----Original Message-----

From: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
To: sjbaker614@aol.com
Cc: Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>; tyoung@tomyounglaw.com
Sent: Wed, Oct 22, 2014 12:37 pm
Subject: RE: Immigrant children questions

Mr. Baker,

Attached is the correspondence from our office on September 5, 2014.

Please let me if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Katherine

Katherine F. Veldran

Director of Legislative Affairs | Office of Governor Nikki Haley

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KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov

From: Tom Young, Jr. [<mailto:tyoung@tomyounglaw.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 7:57 AM
To: 'Veldran, Katherine'
Subject: FW: Immigrant children questions

Katherine: Pls see below. Can someone on your staff provide a response? Thank you. Tom

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Your Updates
From: Sjbaker614 <sjbaker614@aol.com>
To: tom@tomyoungforsenate.com

Senator Young,

Thank you for the time you take to send out your very informative updates; we look forward to receiving them.

We do have a question and weren't sure if this was the email address to send it to, but we thought we'd give it a try. We are very concerned about the illegal children that are flooding our country. How many have ended up in SC and where are they located? How much is it costing each tax payer for them being in our State and when will they be sent back to their country? Did we hear correctly that the Mayor of Columbia was soliciting the Federal Government to send as many as possible to SC? We would appreciate any information you can provide about this major problem that has developed, in not only our state, but across the Country. We are for people coming to our State and Country, but they need to come legally.

Thank you and best regards,

Steve and Tina Baker

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Attached Message

From: Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>
To: 'sjbaker614@aol.com' <sjbaker614@aol.com>
Cc: 'tom@tomyoungforsenate.com' <tom@tomyoungforsenate.com>; Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Immigrant children questions
Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2014 13:51:54 +0000

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Baker,

Senator Young referred your question to the Governor's Office regarding the influx of unaccompanied illegal minors crossing our nation's southern border. Below is a response directly from the Governor, who shares your concern about this important issue, which we hope you find helpful. In addition, the federal government – at the request of several governors – created a website to update the number of unaccompanied illegal minors placed with sponsors by state: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/ucs/state-by-state-uc-placed-sponsors>

Should you wish to seek information or clarification from Mayor Benjamin, then his office can be reached by phone at 803-545-3075 or by mail at Post Office Box 147; Columbia, South Carolina 29217.

If there is anything else our office can do for you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schimsa
Office of the Governor

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Baker,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns about the ongoing illegal immigration crisis at our nation's southern border. As the daughter of immigrants who came to this country legally, I assure you that I value the American tradition of being a nation of immigrants, but first and foremost, I understand that we are a nation of laws. As long as our border remains dangerously unsecure and incentives for mass migration continue to exist, I will continue to call for the federal government to change its policies and uphold the rule of law.

In July, I spoke directly with Secretary Jeh Johnson of the United States Department of Homeland Security about the influx of unaccompanied minors and the impact it may have upon the State of South Carolina. I was assured that South Carolina facilities are not being used as mass shelters to house the unaccompanied minors crossing our border – and I asked to be personally notified of any shift in that policy. Recently, we learned that approximately 434 unaccompanied minors have been placed with sponsors in our state, but the federal government will not provide names, ages, locations, or sponsors citing federal privacy issues.

The humanitarian crisis of unaccompanied minors at our border, once again, highlights the failure of the federal government to adequately perform its most basic and crucial function: securing the sovereignty of the United States of America. Be assured that I will continue to monitor this situation and will take action when and where possible to deter illegal immigration.

Again, thank you for contacting me about this important matter. God bless.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley
Governor

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