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Subject: I am a Lutheran who does not support your present refugee policies. Please see my comments at the end of this email.

I am very disappointed that Lutheran Services Carolinas is settling Syrian refugees into South Carolina.

Once inside the United States an overlooked threat can pose danger to citizens in any state.

Here are some reasons why Americans are concerned about accepting refugees from Syria:

Poll: 13% Of Syrian Refugees Support ISIS, 23% — or almost 1 in 4 — could be susceptible to ISIS recruitment. Immigration: A first-of-its-kind survey of the hordes of Syrian refugees entering Europe found 13% support the Islamic State. The poll should raise alarms about the risks posed by the resettlement of 10,000 refugees in the U.S. The poll of 900 Syrian refugees by the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies also found that another 10% of the displaced Syrians have a lukewarm, but not entirely negative, view of the terror group. That means 23% — or almost 1 in 4 — could be susceptible to ISIS recruitment. It also means as many 2,500 of the 10,000 Syrian refugees that the Obama administration is resettling inside American cities are potential terrorist threats. Investor's Business Daily reported on November 4, 2015.
<http://www.investors.com/poll-13-of-syrian-refugees-support-isis/>

The Homeland Security Committee for the United States House of Representatives issued a report on February 12, 2015 titled: FBI Warns of Intelligence Gap on Foreign Fighters in Syria, Iraq. This report states in part: "We don't have it under control," said Mr. Michael Steinback, Assistant Director for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "Absolutely, we're doing the best we can. If I were to say that we had it under control, then I would say I know of every single individual traveling. I don't. And I don't know every person there and I don't know everyone coming back. So it's not even close to being under control."
<https://homeland.house.gov/press/fbi-warns-intelligence-gap-foreign-fighters-syria-iraq/>

ISIS terrorists have tried to exploit the Syrian refugee program to get into the United States, the House Homeland Security Committee chairman claimed Monday. The Washington Post reported, December 8, 2015.
<http://nypost.com/2015/12/08/isis-trying-to-infiltrate-us-via-syrian-refugee-program-goper/>

CIA Director John Brennan said during the February 14, 2016 episode of CBS

60 Minutes that "ISIS has access to chemical weapons."

<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/cia-director-on-isis-access-to-chemical-weapons/>

It is very troubling that Lutheran Services Carolina and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service are not making it a priority to keep the people of America safe by not accepting Syrian refugees.

I am a Lutheran who objects to this policy. I have seen the problems that this creates in my state of Colorado. Numerous problems have arisen that put folks in danger and changes the Christian community. I have seen this in Greeley, CO, and in Ft Morgan, CO. I do not understand how transporting people to America will help them more than sending the money there that it takes to bring them here. IF you cared about their spiritual well being, which is your first concern according to God's Holy Word, then you would walk them through their assimilation and have Christian witnesses to help them transition and hear the Gospel. If Lutheranism would take a good look at their Social Gospel policy they would see that bread is not what the world needs first and foremost but every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Yes, our temporal lives are important but that importance pales in comparison to eternity and especially eternity in Hell. I am a Missouri Synod Lutheran and I am appalled at the culturization of our church. We are commanded by God to come out of the culture and preach the Gospel. It would be easier to help these refugees, who are sworn to kill the Saturday People and then the Sunday people, in their own country where the funds can be maximized to both feed them bread and the bread of life and not disrupt their lives so intensely or jeopardize Americans. I have studied the Koran, Islam, and the strategy of the Trojan Horse and I think perhaps our organization is cooperating with the strategy of the Trojan Horse more so than we are the strategy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please consider your practices and how they could better help both the refugees and the citizens of your own country. Kathleen