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**CEASE AND DESIST DEMAND LETTER
MORITURIUM ON REFUGEE/ASYLUM PROGRAM IN SC
#SC LIVES MATTER
PERSONAL SERVICE ON GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY
SOUTH CAROLINA DSS**

The Honorable Nikki Randhawa Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

This is the Second Cease and Desist Letter served on you as the Governor of the State of South Carolina, individually, as Governor and on behalf of the South Carolina DSS and Refugee/Asylum Program. The previous letters have been ignored by your office as well as a FOIA request.

This letter is to give you Notice to Stop the Refugee/Asylum Program in the State of South Carolina by ending the State Plan before 2016. We expect you to amend the State Plan and stop it fully to protect your State and residents using the same legal arguments you used to stop GITMO from coming to South Carolina. It is your duty to protect our state from terrorism and any program that lacks due diligence and integrity and is abusive to Due Process in the State of South Carolina, such as this "State Plan" signed by you and SCDSS. We request the Governor's office immediately stop the Refugee/Asylum Program. We expect you to send a mandate to demanding World Relief and SCDSS in South Carolina to immediately cease taking in refugees and placing Asylum seekers boarder jumpers, Cuban Parolees, etc. in through the SCDSS and stop the program from future placements within the State.

You have the authority and the duty to send a request amending the State Plan requiring a cease on behalf of your State residents. You are sworn to protect and serve the State of South Carolina for financial accounting, public safety, and infrastructure, among other duties owed to your constituents. Also, you have stated that NO STATE FUNDS (resources) ARE BEING CURRENTLY USED FOR THIS REFUGEE/ASYLUM PROGRAM. However, in instances where these matters go into the Family Courts, the SC Judges are paid by the state and county resources are being used, such as "translators" and Clerk of Court resources, local money and resources are being used. This is one example of state funds and county resources being used. SCDSS has had the program in operation for almost two years, embedding asylum seekers and refugees, however the next wave should be stopped. It was anticipated it would need to be stopped in the Plan and that time is now.

This program does not separate the Refugees from those that have received Asylum. Please refer to the State Plan governing these matters that is affecting the state you are elected to protect. By allowing it, you have failed to protect your State from a

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program that lacks integrity. There are refugees and asylum seekers and other embedded in this program in the State you have been elected to protect.

We will give you until Dec. 31, 2015 to stop this program before the 2016 wave of new refugees comes to South Carolina, via World Relief Spartanburg and Lutheran Services and other programs through the Family Court System and SCDSS.

In the aftermath of flooding that has left our state with damages to infrastructure and monetary damages, public safety issues, CDC issues for disease control; the well being of our residents is a priority.

The State Plan certified in August 2015, anticipates it will need to be Amended or stopped. The time has come to stop this program. I have included a copy of certification of the Plan by SCDSS and page 4 of the State Plan that anticipates a cease. The counties have been designated with the power in SC to raise awareness of this issue, protect public safety and pass resolutions clearly stating this program is not acceptable in all the Counties that have passed Resolutions or the State.

This year, the FBI has testified before Congress raising serious concerns about "Resettlement programs" and "Asylum Programs" in the United States. The answers given in the August 25, 2015 meeting with Under Secretary of State Ann Richards were inadequate and did not take into account the actual burden on the residents, or the negative financial, physical, public safety issues arising from this program. In the same meeting, Ann Richards testified that the US Dept. of Refugee Program would not place Refugees or Aslyees where there is clear and convincing resistance. (She referred to it as a hostile environment). South Carolina is clearly indicating that this State is resistant to the Refugee/Asylum Program, not just "Syrians."

Many Counties and concerned citizens across our state have passed resolutions demanding a Cease and Desist of this program. Berkley County, Anderson County, Laurens County, and Greenville, have all passed and served resolutions on the Office of Governor. In December many other counties are taking this issue up in meetings. As of today, we are unaware of the your office responding to these resolutions. Concerned citizens in Pickens County have sent Resolutions and are seeking a moratorium of the State Program.

There are several more counties ready to step up and demand that no more Refugees or Asylum seekers be permitted to seek residence in their respective borders. This is going to create serious problems in your State if you fail to act on your duty to protect your local residents. A Summit to Stop the Refugee /Aslyum Program in September had over 250 people clearly in protest of the program and very concerned about because of the failure of elected officials to use due diligence to protect South Carolina tax-paying residents. The level of resistance is only growing as more people learn of a Program that has no transparency and lacks integrity. The resistance is growing and the SC residents are concerned with the Governors office failing to follow the law. This has nothing to do with not "liking refugees" and everything to do with following the requirement to protect your state without over-reaching or over-burdening your SC citizens.

Charitable organizations, including local lobbyists, Southern Baptist leadership and others must be fully transparent. Any side contracts must be disclosed, such as gift cards to Wal-Mart or other retailers, allocation of cash, private services, or mentoring services. The apparent misrepresentation that is a "charity" is not being completely open. Government cannot mandate charity. The answers in the meeting indicated that

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by taking Federal funding for the program, the non-proselytizing and LGTB mandate is required, as well as other mandates. The oversight within the Department of Social Services has not been thoroughly investigated either, which may lead to other foreseeable problems.

By copy of this letter, we are serving Congressmen Trey Gowdy, Mark Sanford, Tom Rice, Mick Mulvaney, Joe Wilson, James Clyburn, and Jeff Duncan, Senators Tim Scott Lindsey Graham, all local county council, all applicable upstate SC State legislators. We will copy a representative of World Relief, Jason Lee, SCDSS, and Dorothy Addison. Each of these named that will be served are hereby considered being given Notice as if this letter was addressed directly to you in your office and personally. This is not a request that is asked for without merit or without serious consideration. The flagrant ignoring of the damages and potential damages is willful at this point. Your office acknowledged notice by signing return receipt requested in September is clear Statutory Notice of the Right to Cure those serious problems before it gets worse for the State of South Carolina. You are now being Personally Served with the 2nd Letter. As Governor of South Carolina, you have a duty to protect the residents of South Carolina. SCDSS and the Family Court system ARE NOT capable of overseeing Asylum and Refugees that comes from hostile regions. It is concerning that you and at least 30 other "conservative" Governors have fallen into the trap of greedily taking Federal dollars without due diligence to the law of unintended consequences.

We expect you, as Governor, to immediately seek a substantial bond on the refugees that are already here in SC since July 1 of 2015 against any actual and future damages this causes the SC taxpayer. We also expect that you do your duty and proper role to make sure this program stops in South Carolina until it is more fully investigated.

Ann Richards informed those present at the at the 8/25/15 meeting that was transcribed by a Court Reporter that the refugees had been through an extensive vetting process. These words are in direct contradiction to Congressional testimony on October 21, 2015, by James Comey, the Director of the FBI and his lead on counter-terrorism. Specifically, Comey testified that the federal government does not have the ability to conduct thorough background checks on all of the 10,000 Syrian refugees that the Obama administration says will be allowed to come to the United States. The UN camps cannot guarantee vetting. We expect to be treated respectfully in this process and to be free of retaliation for standing up for legal rights, due process of law and common sense concerning the serious problems with this program. This program is not acceptable according to any decent or legal standard in South Carolina. Please respond in writing in five (5) business days with your official position. I expect those elected officials that are copied on this letter to send their official position in response to this letter to your office and to my office. Please confirm that you have called for a Cease and Desist immediately via an Amendment to the State Plan.

Sincerely,


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CC: Congressman Trey Gowdy, Mick Mulveny, Mark Sanford, Jeff Duncan, Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, SC Delegation, and York County Council, Alan Wilson, SCDSS, World Relief Spartanburg, World Relief National

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