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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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Governor Haley:

Like all of us, I am sure you are concerned about the tragic attack on the city of Paris last Friday by radical Islamic terrorists. Of even greater concern is that the Islamic State and perhaps other terrorist organizations have brazenly threatened to launch other similarly serious attacks on major cities in Europe and the United States.

The execution of the Paris attack indicates that the radical Islamic movement has the will and the capability to carry out further attacks. Furthermore, the Islamic State has openly bragged that it is using the international refugee resettlement program as a means to smuggle terrorist operatives into Western Democracies.

It is imperative that South Carolina's role in the refugee resettlement program be reevaluated in light of the developing international crisis. Therefore, I hereby request that you use your executive authority to place South Carolina's participation in this program on hiatus until we can be absolutely certain that the noble goals of this humanitarian effort are not being subverted for nefarious purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Verdin".

Danny Verdin
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