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## NOT HERE! NOT NOW!

Dear Friends:

The horrific attacks on Paris leave little doubt that Islamic terrorists are spreading their fight from the Middle East battlefields and bringing it to us at home. Most experts agree that unless circumstances change dramatically, it is only a matter of time before the United States sees a repeat of the Paris mayhem.

### Global War

Make no mistake, this is a World War. It's far different from WW I and WW 2. The global conflict with radical Islam is more elusive; the battle fields morph and battle lines are far from clear. The terrorists' strategy is to bring death and destruction to unsuspecting civilians. They aren't like most of us; their ideology rejects the core ideals of democratic freedom and human rights. They are hell-bent to kill us.

The Obama administration is weak in dealing with this world and national threat. America lacks a clear and winning strategy. While the global war escalates, the President continues to reduce our military capabilities and invites Syrian refugees to come live with us.

If Obama has his way, 10,000 Syrian refugees will be resettled into America. Faith-based groups in Spartanburg who are working to settle Syrian refugees there say no Syrian refugees have yet been brought to S.C.

### Not Here! Not Now!

Since the Paris attacks, many South Carolina legislators have called on Gov. Nikki Haley to block international refugees from coming to our state. Previously, Haley supported the relocation efforts. Last evening she reversed part of her position calling on the U.S. State Department not to resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina, citing the difficulty of checking their backgrounds.

Resistance at the state level is coalescing at a rapid clip. So far, governors in at least 18 states have moved to suspend or restrict the refugee resettlement. Legal experts say states don't have the legal authority to stop the refugee program. Legality is only one factor; resistance by states and citizen pressure will likely trump legalities.

**Right Decision**

We Americans are sympathetic to the needs of the less fortunate and repeatedly show that with our humanitarian aid, personal generosity and labors of love.

On the other hand, I have stated repeatedly that the #1 function of government at all levels is public safety. We need to be even more vigilant about protecting our state and its citizens in these dangerous times. We don't want potential terrorists in our midst, particularly by our foolish invitation. It is right that Gov. Haley called for the immediate halt to the resettlement of Syrian refugees in South Carolina.

Now it's up to Obama to be an American President and protect Americans here at home.

Let's work together to keep this country strong and safe for our people, our families, our children.

### **I'm Available**

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you. If you need help navigating state government, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In your Service,

### **Photos of the Week**

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A plea for prayers does not fall on deaf ears.  
We must not only pray for the people of  
Paris, we must pray for the safety of all  
Americans worldwide. We must pray that our  
national leaders understand that this fight is  
not to be taken lightly - it is REAL, it is  
CLOSE, it is DEADLY!

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