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Dear Governor,

I write to you today hoping that this letter finds you in both peace and health; two things that I think every person deserves. These two things are the reason that I am contacting you today. Currently you, as well as 30+ other governors have made statements saying that you do not want to accept Syrian refugees to your state. Being a citizen of this country, and above all this planet, I am appalled by your decision and wish for you to change your mind.

I find the reason for your decision is misguided and from a position that only aims to divide people more than we already are. This country was founded on immigration, and at a time like this we need to remember that. It should not matter what country a person is from to be accepted to this country, and by banning who can come to your state goes back on the ideas that made America. A person can not decide what country they are born in, and we should not persecute an entire nation for the actions of radicals.

Not only does rejecting immigrants go against what makes us the country we are today, but it also goes against the United Nations. Being a member of the United Nation, we have an obligation to allow these refugees to live in America. Not only that, but it is against the law to reject refugees. But if the rules established can't sway you, there is an economic side to this

Allowing refugees to your state would be an incredible boost to commerce. If America takes 10% of the currently displaced Syrian refugees, that would be 900,000 people, or around 18,000 per state. 18,000 people would be a massive boost to your state's workforce, as well as population. We have 18,000,000+ empty houses in our country, so we have room for these displaced people.

I ask you to please reconsider your stance on allowing Syrian refugees to your state. These people are coming here in their time of need, and it is both morally and ethically incorrect to turn these people away. We should be honored that these people want to come to our country because they know how wonderful this place is. Please, reconsider your stance and refrain from enacting policies to make it difficult to come to this wonderful country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Lawrence". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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