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Date: 12/17/2015 5:28:29 PM

Subject: Re: Follow up question

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Appreciate your support.

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On Dec 17, 2015, at 5:13 PM, Wingo, Karen <Karen.Wingo@dss.sc.gov> wrote:

Katherine,

I forwarded you a link to a fact sheet that should assist you in answering the first bullet point. With respect to the remaining bullet points, SCDSS does not ordinarily notify the Governor's office of the approval and/or placement of refugees within the state. However, due to the unique public interest in the resettlement of Syrian refugees, SCDSS notified the Governor's office when it learned from Lutheran Services Carolinas of the resettlement of Syrian refugees in South Carolina. Similarly, SCDSS does not ordinarily notify law enforcement of the resettlement of refugees of any national origin in this state. However, law enforcement is invited and do often attend stakeholder meetings regarding the resettlement program. Finally, all refugees, including the family from Syria that recently settled in South Carolina, were all vetted through the normal vetting and background check process for refugees that can take up 24 months or longer.

If you have any other questions, please let me know. Thanks, Karen

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From: Veldran, Katherine [mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 2:50 PM

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Please describe the notification and the approval process starting with the Feds vetting process, voluntary organizations, and DSS.

When is the Governor's office informed about the approved refugees?

Is law enforcement notified when DSS is notified?

The two Syrians currently here and the nine who are coming – did they go through the 18-24 month vetting process?

If you have any questions please call my cell.

Thank you,

Katherine

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