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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

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President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement.*"

Kansas has a long and proud history of welcoming the world's refugees to our state. Refugees are not simply looking for a better home, they are fleeing some of the most horrific violence, war, famine, religious and cultural persecution of our time. Our country and our state can provide the security they need for a safer place to call home. The citizens of Kansas have shown time and again a strong commitment to welcoming refugees into communities statewide.

Refugees come to our country and state looking for a better place to live. Our country and our state benefit as they also make positive contributions in significant ways. They contribute to our economy, workforce and the cultural fabric of our state and nation.

As Governor of Kansas, I not only consent to the initial refugee resettlement in Kansas as per the terms of the Executive Order, I also welcome them into our state. Additionally, to alleviate the need for subsequent consent to be given, this consent is given until revoked.

We are committed to working with your administration to ensure that refugees are properly vetted and arrive here in a legal, orderly manner. Kansans are among the most welcoming, kindhearted people in the nation. They will continue to embrace these peaceful refugees into their communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Kelly".

Laura Kelly
Governor of Kansas

cc: Secretary Michael R. Pompeo

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Carol T. O'Connell
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