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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State
Carol T. O'Connell
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pompeo and Deputy Assistant Secretary O'Connell:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement." Please note that communication about, or participation in, the implementation of Executive Order (EO) 13888 is not an endorsement of the legality of the EO.

I write to affirm that the City of White Plains, New York will continue to take part in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). As Mayor of the City of White Plains, I consent to initial refugee resettlement in our city as per the terms of the Executive Order. This consent is valid unless or until it is withdrawn.

The USRAP is a prime example of public-private partnership between the federal government, state and local governments, local non-profit organizations, and volunteers that provides refugees with the tools of self-reliance: housing, community orientation, English-language classes, and job placement. Every day, community members in White Plains are volunteering to help refugees integrate and thrive.

Refugees are resilient, hardworking people whose innovative skills have contributed greatly to our city. Multiple studies demonstrate that refugees are economic contributors and job creators. For these reasons and more, the City of White Plains, New York will continue to welcome refugees.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Roach
Mayor