

JSS Madison was scheduled to resettle our first refugee family this week after nearly 6 months of no arrivals. Unfortunately, Monday morning we learned that travel for the family that was supposed to arrive this week has been cancelled because President Biden has not yet signed his ambitious [Emergency Presidential Determination](#). We know from our clients that travel cancellation can be extremely harmful. The family scheduled to arrive in Madison would have likely sold all of their possessions and given up a lease to their home in order to prepare for their trip and now they are left in limbo, in a very precarious and sometimes dangerous situation.

JSS is very hopeful that we will see movement on this soon but it is vital that President Biden sign the revised refugee admissions goal for FY21 *as soon as possible*. Each day that passes without this signed executive action is another day that hundreds of particularly vulnerable refugees are forced to wait to be resettled.

We need your help to make sure that President Biden immediately increases the FY21 refugee admissions goal and restores regional allocations based on vulnerability. Urge the Biden administration TODAY to immediately restore U.S. moral leadership in refugee protection and resettlement. Here are the top 2 ways to take action:

### **#1: CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

Contact your 2 Senators and 1 Representative!

Please make sure you personalize the text highlighted in yellow.

Sample Script: “I’m your constituent from [CITY/TOWN] and [as a person of faith / refugee] I urge you to protect refugees and tell the Biden administration to rebuild the U.S. refugee resettlement program by signing the revised refugee admissions goal for FY 2021 as soon as possible. As we face the worst refugee crisis in history, each day that passes without this signed executive action is another day that hundreds of particularly vulnerable refugees are forced to wait to be resettled. The administration has already met with Congress to discuss its proposed refugee admissions goal of 62,500 for this year to meet the unprecedented crisis, and now the President must make it official. My community welcomes refugees, and I urge you to do the same.”

### **#2: TAKE ACTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Share this message on social media by using the sample posts below!

Share your message with the administration by using these sample tweets. Make sure to tag @POTUS, @WhiteHouse, and @VP in your tweets.

- President Biden, American communities are ready to welcome refugees with open arms. We need you to make it happen, please sign a revised admissions goal today! @POTUS @VP @WhiteHouse #RestoringWelcome #RefugeesWelcome
- @POTUS, I urge you to respect the sacred humanity of refugees and increase refugee admissions, restore resettlement program #BuildBackBetter @jakejsullivan @VP @WhiteHouse #RestoringWelcome

- During the worst refugee crisis in history, it is vital @POTUS takes immediate action to rebuild and increase refugee admissions #BuildBackBetter #RestoringWelcome @jakejsullivan @VP @WhiteHouse

#### Facebook Posts:

Take a picture of yourself holding a refugees welcome sign and include the following text:

- I urge you to respect the sacred humanity of refugees and increase refugee admissions, restore resettlement program #BuildBackBetter [TAG] President Joe Biden] #RestoringWelcome
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You can tag official accounts on Facebook but typing the @ symbol before the person's name. For example, to tag President Biden, simply type @JoeBiden and Facebook will populate the list of pages for you. Be sure to select the page with the blue check mark.