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Subject: Defend the Refugee Resettlement Program!

Dear refugee accompaniers,

In our continued response to [the administration preparing an executive order to encourage states and localities to stop refugee resettlement](#) and [some administration officials proposing resettling zero refugees in 2020](#), we are encouraging businesses and other partners - to make their support for refugee resettlement clear, in addition to state and local elected leaders.

In addition to the [state and local elected leader letter](#), please help us encourage businesses to weigh in directly with the administration and with their Members of Congress, stating their support for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

Business leaders can sign onto [this joint letter](#) by September 9th, and/or send their own letters to administration officials and their Senators and Representative(s). A sample draft letter is below, as is contact information for key administration officials and Congress. To maximize impact, letters should be sent by mid-September, since, by law, the administration has to set next year's refugee admissions goal by September 30th.

Both public and private letters are welcomed and appreciated. Letters can be addressed separately to administration officials, urging them to safeguard the refugee resettlement program, and to Members of Congress, urging them to hold the administration accountable. Both letters to the administration and Congress are critical to make sure support for resettlement is being heard.

To demonstrate the breadth of support for resettlement, please let Refugee Council USA know if you have expressed support for resettlement to the administration and Congress by emailing Sarah Seniuk at sseniuk@rcusa.org. Thank you for your support.

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Has your church held a #RefugeeJusticeSunday ? www.ucc.org/refugee_justice_sunday

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

