



SIGN TO PROTECT REFUGEES

Today, there are over 21.3 million registered refugees and over 65 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. This is the worst refugee and displacement crisis the world has ever seen. As people of faith, we cannot turn our backs on those in need at their most urgent moment. We need your voice and your support.

Dear Mr. President:

As people of faith, we write to urge that the United States maintain its position as the world leader in protecting the most vulnerable people seeking safety. We believe our faith calls us to protect those in need at their most urgent moment.

As a nation that has proudly stood as a beacon of hope for those in need, we are defined by our steady commitment to compassion for the world's most vulnerable. The U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program offers safety and a new chance at life for a very small percent of those people who have been forced from their homes because of persecution, war, or violence. The U.S. should remain open to people of all nationalities and religions who face persecution – and we know that we can continue to do this work while keeping our homeland safe. We oppose policy changes that reduces the number of refugees we welcome or prevents refugees of any faith from accessing safety and welcome.

We ask that you stand with people of faith in our commitment to helping refugees. That is why we support:

- Resettling at least 75,000 refugees for the remainder of FY 2017 and for FY 2018.
- Robust funding for the refugee resettlement through the appropriations process.
- Standing against legislation and polices that seek to stop refugee resettlement.

As our faith calls us to do, we will continue to protect, embrace, and empower refugees as they begin their new lives in the United States. We are prepared to walk alongside them to ensure they successfully resettle in our communities, as they have done for generations.

Lutherans and people of faith throughout the United States are here, standing for welcome.

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