



Governor Nathan Deal  
Office of the Governor  
206 Washington Street  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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Dear Governor Deal,

I am writing to strongly urge you to join the concerned governors in states like Michigan and Alabama and cease our states acceptance of Syrian refugees. I make this request not only in response to the recent terrorist attacks in Paris but also, and most importantly, based on my knowledge of the poor management and vetting system of the State Department's Refugee Resettlement (RR) program.

The RR program exists for two main purposes, money and power. Most of our Georgia citizens have no idea that the primarily religious organizations and churches that participate in resettling these un-vetted refugees sent to the United States are the very organizations and churches that they belong to and tithe to.

The more refugees these organizations resettle, the more they benefit financially from federal funds and grants. They don't care where they come from or who they are. Thousands of refugees have been coming to Georgia for years and are dumped in only a few refugee resettlement hubs in the state. There they form communities that can't or won't assimilate. They lend to the creation of dangerous, crime-ridden communities, (the mayor of Clarkston himself admits that gangs prey on the refugees in his city) and contrary to the office of Refugee Resettlement's reports, the majority of refugees get on and stay on our state's welfare programs long after their initial resettlement period and do not effectively contribute to our economy.

I am an extremely compassionate and caring person and have dedicated my time and support to those in need all across the world for more than 30 years. I believe we should help others. My request is that we first take care of our own, those who are already here, and certainly our veterans. Why continue to risk the safety and security of our state on a program that has failed us?

You have made efforts in the past to keep our states acceptance of refugees "static" and to ask that the State Department slow down the disproportionate number of refugees that are sent to Georgia. I ask that you go further. Please discontinue this program in our state until it is shown that the RR program is reformed. Scale back to ZERO. If that's not possible, then if it takes only a group of eight to rain down the terror that has been placed on Paris then the only acceptable number can be anything less than eight.

I truly appreciate your time to read my request and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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