

Subject line: [Meeting request] U.S. refugee admissions suspension

Hello,

I'd like to request a meeting with a staff member from the office of Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_.

**[Personal connection—I'm a citizen whose family member was scheduled to arrive in the United States before the suspension /// I'm a case worker at the local resettlement agency of \_\_\_\_\_, which resettles refugees in \_\_\_\_\_/// I'm a sponsor for a \_\_\_\_\_refugee family through the Welcome Corps/// I'm a veteran who cares about Afghan allies /// ///I am a person of faith who believes welcoming refugees is my faith in action/// I am a concerned employer who relies on refugee workers and values them and their families///I am a concerned citizen who is upset at the U.S. turning its back on persecuted people who have waited so long to arrive legally to our country, often to be with loved ones.]**

I'm incredibly concerned about the halting of funding for recently arrived refugee families, and the devastating impacts of the recent executive order that indefinitely suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. Recently arrived refugees count on services that nonprofits provide to help get them on their feet and begin their life as a contributing member of our communities.

Without support services, refugees will essentially be left without promised assistance and will have to reach out to state and community resources which are unprepared to meet the need. Women, children and families could enter homelessness and further stress an already overburdened crisis in housing resources.

At a time when immigration is so divisive, the refugee program is a system that provides safety and security to some of the world's most vulnerable people, upholding our values and interests as a country through a vetted lawful immigration pathway. Furthermore, it's a program with community support and has positively impacted **me/my family/my church/my place of business.**

I'd like to discuss how this order affects **[my family/organization/place of worship/business/community]** and why your office should work with the administration toward a resumption of this life-saving program.

Let me know what times and dates would work for you for a virtual or in-person meeting.

I look forward to hearing back from you and I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Best,

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EMAIL or PHONE