



October 12, 2016

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
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Dear Governor Abbott:

The Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC) supports your principled decision to withdraw from the Federal Refugee Resettlement Program (FRRP). The unwillingness of the federal government to ensure that refugees vetted through the program do not pose a security threat to the state of Texas renders your decision the correct one. The State of Texas should not actively participate in a program that potentially jeopardizes the well-being of Texans.

In Europe and around the world we have seen the devastating impact of terrorists who are able to exploit foreign refugee programs and execute their agenda. Earlier this year, *USA Today* reported that German Chancellor Angela Merkel conceded that terrorists entered Germany among groups of refugees:

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said this week that militant groups are sneaking people into Europe among the refugees. "The refugee wave (last year) was used by some to smuggle in terrorists," she said.

Germany said it is investigating about 40 cases of suspected radicals posing as refugees. In June, German police arrested three Syrian men on allegations of planning a terrorist attack in Dusseldorf for the Islamic State. A fourth man allegedly linked to the plot is in custody in France.

- "Refugees in Europe Say They Fear Terrorists Are Among Them," *USA Today*, July 14, 2016.

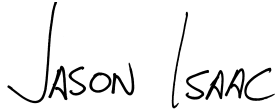
In Texas, we must remain vigilant in ensuring that our standards do not fall short of our mission to protect the citizens of Texas. As you rightfully stated earlier this month:

Empathy must be balanced with security. Texas has done more than its fair share in aiding refugees, accepting more refugees than any other state between October 2015 and March 2016. While many refugees pose no danger, some pose grave danger, like the Iraqi refugee with

ties to ISIS who was arrested earlier this year after he plotted to set off bombs at two malls in Houston.

We greatly value your leadership, and are prepared to take legislative action if necessary to codify Texas' exit from the FRRP.

Sincerely,



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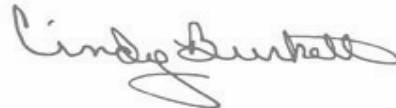
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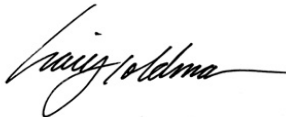
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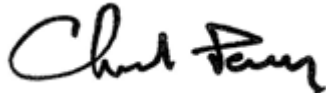
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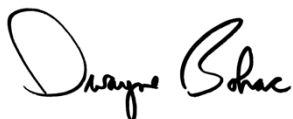
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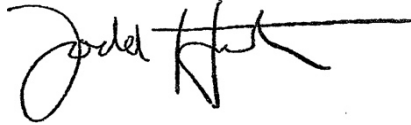
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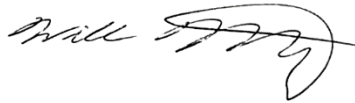
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