

A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY HALT THE RESETTLEMENT OF UNVETTABLE REFUGEES INTO MICHIGAN

WE THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE GOP COMMITTEE HEREBY DECLARE OUR SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR SNYDER'S TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT. FURTHERMORE, WE SUPPORT A CONTINUED SUSPENSION UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT CONCERNS REGARDING SECURITY, AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE RESOLVED.

WHEREAS, the summaries for the resettlement agencies operating in Michigan indicate that the aggregate FY 2016 plan will bring additional refugees into Michigan via the United States Refugee Resettlement Program, and

WHEREAS, according to the recently passed H.R. 4038, American Security Against Foreign Enemies (SAFE) Act of 2015, "Top Administration counterterrorism and security officials have repeatedly told Congress that the current refugee vetting process is insufficient to ensure terrorists are not admitted as refugees..."

WHEREAS, Intelligence officials have determined that Islamic extremists are seeking to use the refugee program to enter the United States, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Candice Miller (MI-10), Vice Chair of the Homeland Security Committee has stated,

"I support Governor Snyder's decision to suspend efforts to relocate Syrian refugees to Michigan, and have cautioned against the Administration's decision to increase the number being admitted into the U.S. ...terrorist organizations like ISIS are looking for any and every opportunity to exploit a nation's hospitality to carry out their barbaric attacks against the innocent. **Anyone who says we can adequately and safely vet these refugees is wrong because there is no database in Syria and no way to identify who's who.**" [emphasis added]

WHEREAS; U.S. Representative Mike Bishop (MI-8) has stated,

"With so many unknowns, the United States has a duty to pause and develop the necessary protocols before processing Syrian refugees. Our number one priority is keeping our families safe here at home, so I commend Governor Snyder for suspending his efforts to bring Syrian refugees to Michigan at this time. The terrorist attacks in Paris remind us that, despite the president saying ISIS is 'contained,' they are in fact alive and well, and we cannot afford a misstep when it comes to our national security."

WHEREAS, ISIS has vowed to infiltrate refugees all over the world so as to enter countries posing as persecuted refugees; and

WHEREAS, the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, which killed 14 Americans and wounded 21, has brought to light serious and multiple failures in the current refugee vetting system, and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised that recent Syrian refugees are being targeted for recruitment to terrorism, and

WHEREAS, this resettlement process will create additional and significant unfunded financial burdens for Michigan to provide public assistance to meet refugee needs for schools, law enforcement, housing, and health care, and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Michigan Republican State Committee that Governor Rick Snyder halt the authorization for the resettlement in Michigan of Syrian and other unvettable refugees from failed states until:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security jointly certify that each refugee entering Michigan has been subject to a thorough background check, similar to the federal form E86 used to screen applicants for employment with DHS, and that the FBI and DHS confirm that none of the refugees pose any national security threat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that no State funds shall be expended to assist in the United States Refugee Resettlement Program unless such resettlement is approved by the State legislature and the county where the resettlement is to occur. Local communities will not be forced to accept Syrian refugees if they are unable and/or unwilling to assume the costs and risks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we, the Michigan Republican State Committee, declare our support for a moratorium on the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program in Michigan until such time as

1. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) fully discloses the costs to the State of resettling the refugees in Michigan and further, discloses from where the funds will come to support refugee resettlement.
2. The State Board of Education is able to certify that the refugee resettlement program will neither require additional resources nor that resources will be diverted away from existing programs for Michigan school children.

ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2016.

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