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The Honorable Governor Roy Cooper
State of North Carolina
Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor Cooper:

As I'm sure you are aware Executive Order 13888 (EO) "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement" was issued on September 26, 2019 by President Donald Trump. This could allow state and local jurisdictions to deny refugees to be resettled in their communities, despite having been approved for resettlement to the United States and having an already existing community of support in that state or locality.

On behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, we respectfully ask you to contact Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on behalf of our great state to share the important message that North Carolina welcomes refugee families who are fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries.

Thank you in advance for your support of keeping North Carolina a place of safety and security and for being a champion on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners