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Governor Dannel P. Malloy
Office of the Governor
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

November 17, 2015

Dear Governor Malloy,

The government's first duty to the people is public safety. The recent attacks by Islamic State terrorists in Lebanon, Egypt, and France clearly demonstrate that providing asylum to refugees from Syria may pose a grave and immediate public safety risk.

Despite arguments to the contrary, it remains clear that there is absolutely no way to properly screen the refugees. The fact is that we will have no idea who they are or whether their intentions are virtuous. This has been confirmed by several members of the intelligence apparatus of the federal government and even includes the FBI Director James Comey himself. Given Director Comey's testimony before the House Homeland Security committee and the fact that most of Syria has little functioning government, we doubt that any vetting process will be effective, let alone foolproof.

Even forgetting the potential threat of terrorism, we won't know if these refugees have criminal backgrounds or are carrying diseases that might be harmful to our citizens.

We respect America's history and identity as a nation of immigrants. However, we are also a nation of laws. The rush to accept refugees without considering the security and the desires of our citizens is a further example of the failure by the federal government to follow existing immigration laws.

We strongly urge you to halt any further settlement of Syrian refugees in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joe Markley in black ink.

Joe Markley
State Senator
Sixteenth District

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Mark Tweedie
State Representative
Thirteenth District

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