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MAYORS REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT OF THE U.S. REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Washington, D.C. – 62 mayors from 28 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, today sent an open letter to Congress urging that it take no action that will prevent Syrian refugees from entering the United States after they have completed the screening process.

In a [letter](#) sent to both houses of Congress, the mayors, led by Conference of Mayors President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, registered their support for the U.S. refugee resettlement system and recognized the importance of continuing to welcome refugees to our country and to its cities.

The letter also cites the Conference's policy [resolution](#) from its 2014 Annual Meeting in Dallas, in support of the nation's refugee resettlement system. That [resolution](#) calls for ensuring that the U.S. refugee resettlement program, which it describes as a unique and robust public-private partnership, remain responsive to the needs of refugees and to the communities in which they settle.

"Our nation has always been a beacon of hope for those seeking peace and protection from persecution," the letter concludes. "We urge you to take no action that will jeopardize this rich and proud heritage."

The entire text of the [letter](#) can be found at www.usmayors.org.

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