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Protect Refugee Resettlement in Arizona

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Dear Representative (NAME),

Our nation’s proud history calls us to stand for welcome, even in the wake of fear. As an (employee/volunteer/board member/supporter) of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, I implore you to vote against HB 2682, which threatens the important work of refugee resettlement.

The United States refugee resettlement program has a sophisticated and multi-layered approach to vetting any prospective refugee prior to entering our country. Indeed, refugees are the most highly screened population that enter the United States. The current screening process often takes years to complete and includes face-to-face interviews, database checks and biometrics by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Department of Defense and multiple intelligence agencies.

A duplication of this process presents unnecessary regulation and expense. The services provided by resettlement agencies do not require licensing.

I call on you to ensure that the United States upholds our country's tradition of welcoming all vulnerable populations. We cannot and should not reject the protection needs of any deserving refugee. As people of faith, as Americans, and as global citizens--we must stand for welcome.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME