



September 10, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As Idaho's governor and congressional delegation, we have been made aware that your administration has selected the cities of Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho, as two of 139 locations to resettle refugees seeking asylum from Afghanistan.

We have also been informed that this action is being done through federal mandate and without consultation from the states.

As we reflect on the events that have transpired over the last two decades, our hearts continue to go out to all Americans and Afghan allies who have sacrificed throughout the conflict. It is our nation's responsibility to provide safety to those who have stood alongside America in even the most difficult of times.

We ask that you uphold the most stringent vetting standards laid out by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to ensure all measures are taken to protect Americans during this large-scale resettlement.

Idaho has a long history of helping those who face persecution and life-threatening circumstances due to their religious beliefs, ethnicity, or other political affiliations. With that said, the State of Idaho will not tolerate a change to the vetting process in order to expedite the resettlement of refugees. This multi-phase vetting process must include medical screenings and U.S. intelligence and law enforcement database checks.

To ensure Idahoans have peace of mind this unprecedented resettlement, the Idaho State Police have been directed to work in tandem with local refugee coordinators to develop additional state vetting measures to ensure the safety and well-being of the people of Idaho.

The United States of America is a republic that enshrines the role of states in the 10th Amendment, and we expect that you coordinate and work with the states on these important matters.

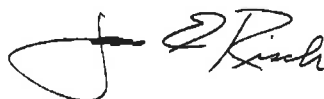
Respectfully,



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