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Hon. Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520-0001

Hon. Kevin McAleenan
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
St. Elizabeths West Campus
2700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Secretary Pompeo and Acting Secretary McAleenan:

I write to you in response to Executive Order 13888 "Enhancing State and Local Involvement on Refugee Resettlement." Arlington County recognizes the need for close consultation between the Federal Government, State governments and local governments on resettlement of refugees and providing ways to successfully integrate refugees into our society.

Arlington County celebrates diversity and works tirelessly to be an inclusive community. The broad range of views, cultures, backgrounds and experiences among our residents adds to the richness of our lives and the strength of our community. We steadfastly believe in the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of all peoples, regardless of religion, race, nationality or country of origin, and are committed to protecting the rights and freedoms of any individual or family resettled within our borders. Accordingly, I am conveying our support for acceptance and resettlement of refugees in our community.

We hope that the collective efforts of communities throughout the Nation will provide an adequate haven for those in the world most threatened by violence, political and religious persecution, and other extraordinary danger.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark J. Schwartz".

Mark J. Schwartz
Arlington County Manager

cc: Arlington County Board