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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Chairman Rogers:

I am writing to strongly urge you to work to include language in any and all appropriate Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations bills to defund President Barack Obama's 'refugee' resettlement program. As you know, the President recently announced that he intends to annually allow 100,000 individuals into America through this program, many of them radical Muslims from the Middle East.

In light of the recent and terrible slaughter of innocent civilians by radical Islamic terrorists, it is unconscionable to fund a program that does not, by admission of Homeland Security Secretary Johnson, "know a whole lot about the individual refugees." The proposed security checks have failed before, including in 2009 when an al-Qaeda operative cleared as a refugee and living in Kentucky was found to have been responsible for a failed IED attack in Iraq.

I am troubled by a number of comments made by leaders in the national security community, including FBI Director Comey's statement that "if we have no information on someone, they've never crossed our radar screen, they've never been a ripple in the pond, there will be no record of them there and so it will be challenging." Barbara Strack, head of Refugee Affairs Division at USCIS, stated before the Senate that the approval rate for Syrian applicants is "over 90 percent." Michael Steinback, Assistant Director for the FBI, said during a House Committee on Homeland Security hearing regarding the vetting process that "it's not even close to being under control."

North Carolina has received 44 Syrian 'refugees' with hundreds more slated to be placed throughout the state. **Mr. Speaker, I will not vote for any bill that provides funding for the Obama administration's dangerous Middle Eastern refugee resettlement program.** We have a duty to our citizens to protect them from harm, not bring the danger to them.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress