December 10, 2019

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington DC, 20520

RE: Executive Order 13888 – On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

On behalf of Clackamas County, Oregon, I am writing to accept the terms of President Trump’s Executive Order 13888, consenting to initial refugee resettlement within the boundaries of Clackamas County.

Clackamas County is proud to provide a safe, healthy, and secure community for our residents, and we are actively working to build public trust in good government. These tenets are two elements of Clackamas County’s strategic plan, and we believe they are essential for ensuring all residents feel welcome and safe. This includes refugees who, for one reason or another, are no longer welcome or safe in their native countries and are in desperate need of a new place to live.

The United States of America was founded by immigrants and refugees seeking political or religious asylum. We believe that history of welcoming refugees, while complex, is inherent in the makeup of our nation’s young, albeit thriving democracy. As such, we are proud to continue welcoming refugees in Clackamas County.

Sincerely,

Jim Bernard, Chair
On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

CC:
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Carol T. O’Connell
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
U.S. Department of State