



DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY LEWIS JENKINS

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

December 17, 2019

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement.*"

Dallas County is one of the most diverse and fastest growing counties in the United States. Our local economy has thrived in recent year. I believe this is largely because of, not in spite of, Dallas County's great diversity. Our county has welcomed refugees facing religious, ethnic and political persecution for nearly 40 years, thanks in part to the great work of local organizations and faith-based institutions that have supported the arrival and integration of refugee families into our community.

Our world is currently facing one of the worst refugee crises in human history. Given the tremendous need for safe refuge and the invaluable economic and cultural contributions refugees make to our community, as the Chief Elected Official in Dallas County, I reaffirm support and consent to initial refugee resettlement in Dallas County, as per the terms of the Executive Order. My consent is valid unless or until withdrawn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Lewis Jenkins".

Clay Lewis Jenkins
Dallas County Judge

Enclosure

CC:

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