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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo
US Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

The State of Ohio has a long and successful history of welcoming and assimilating refugees from all corners of the globe.

Ohio also has a well-developed support network to welcome and assimilate refugees, primarily lead by our faith-based communities.

Before entering the United States, there is a lengthy, complex, and careful vetting process done by multiple federal agencies to confirm a refugee's eligibility for entrance.

Given our ability to successfully welcome and assimilate legitimate refugees, and the administration's stringent vetting process, I consent to the placement and/or resettlement of refugees within the State of Ohio.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor