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Dear Alice,

Tomorrow, Wednesday January 20, the Senate plans to vote on H.R. 4038, the "American Security Against Foreign Enemies (SAFE) Act." This bill, already passed by the House, would halt the settlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Such proposals and the anti-refugee sentiment that has accompanied them are morally reprehensible and go against who we are as a nation. **It is critical that Senators hear from their constituents NOW.**

Call [1-888-897-9753](tel:1-888-897-9753) NOW to tell your Senators to oppose H.R. 4038.

When you call, here's what you might say:

"Hi, my name is [NAME] and I am a constituent from [CITY]. As a person of faith, I support the resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees to the United States. I am opposed to any bill that would stop or pause the resettlement of refugees of any nationality or religion. I urge the senator to vote NO on H.R. 4038, the American SAFE Act."

It is especially important to call if your Senator is a Democrat -- we are hearing that many are at risk of voting for this dangerous bill.

If it is helpful to you, here are some points on the security checks involved in refugee resettlement, which is the focus of this legislation. But remember, the most important pieces to lift up are your personal story, faith belief, and why your community wants to welcome refugees.

- The U.S. government handpicks the refugees who resettle here, and the U.S. resettlement process has the most rigorous screening in the world.
- Refugees are the most thoroughly vetted people to come to the United States, undergoing inter-agency screenings by the Department of Homeland Security, FBI, Department of Defense, National Counter Terrorism Center, and multiple intelligence agencies. Refugees undergo biometric checks, forensic document testing, medical tests, and in-person interviews.
- Continuing refugee resettlement while maintaining national security is not an either/or situation. The United States can continue to welcome refugees while also ensuring national security. We can and must do both.

Please call your Senators at [1-888-897-9753](tel:1-888-897-9753) now.



In solidarity,
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