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The White House
President Donald J. Trump
Attorney General Sessions
Chairmen Grassley and Goodlatte

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Given so much needless harm to American citizens in recent years, we, as faith leaders, write to thank you for advancing wisdom in immigration and refugee programs. Thank you for a wise, temporary travel ban from terror-dense nations. Thank you for supporting Kate's Law in the House and for reinstating Operation Streamline that prosecutes first-time border crossers as criminals. These and future decisions will save countless lives.

While some curious "faith" groups use selective Bible words for open borders and amnesty, we consider the *whole* counsel of Scripture. We find that the Bible does not teach open borders, but *wise* welcome. We are to welcome the lawful foreigner, who, like a convert, comes as a blessing (eg.s Ruth and Rahab). We also find Nehemiah building walls to protect citizens from harm. In Isaiah 1, we see God condemning the destruction of borders and indigenous culture. "Open society" is not a command in Scripture, it is a sorrow to God and a curse to human beings.

"Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire;
your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you,
laid waste as when overthrown by strangers." Isaiah 1:7 (NIV)

The Obama administration heavily funded nine (9) "voluntary agencies" to move people to America, thus shifting priorities of those agencies away from Americans at home and refugees in their home regions. Families were broken apart as millions came, and still come, to America.

Our recommendation, like the recent suggestion of Mr. Bill Gates, is to help the most refugees possible in their home regions, while avoiding destabilizing other countries through resettlement. Please reconsider the resettlement programs still funded by our government. Research from the Center for Immigration Studies found that the United States can help twelve (12) refugees in safe zones in their home regions for the same cost as permanently resettling one (1) person in the U.S.

Please accelerate assistance to persecuted Christians and other minorities in Muslim-majority nations. As George Soros's Open Society funds "[rented ministers](#)" advancing Islam in the U.S., and the "[Islamophobia](#)" narrative to silence dissent, we challenge this as deceptive and unloving.

Love protects, stewards and grows the garden of culture. Thank you for leading with the common sense of America's Founders who also faced the task of wise, discerning welcome.

With gratitude for your leadership, for America's future,

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