Tools for Candidates Who Want to Discuss Refugee Resettlement

STATEMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

“At a time when our world is facing the worst refugee crisis in recorded history, the U.S. should be doing more – not less – to help refugees. Cutting the refugee admissions number any further would be a complete abdication of our commitment to protect the world’s most vulnerable. I believe that our community should welcome families fleeing war, violence, and persecution.”

“Refugee resettlement is critical in our ability to help alleviate regional instability, maintain relationships with important allies, and advance our national security and foreign policy interests. Refugee resettlement supports our allies in refugee hosting countries and reinforces stability and liberty around the world, while also offering a strong counter-weight to the anti-American narratives of terrorist organizations.”

“The United States refugee resettlement program emphasizes early self-sufficiency through employment. Refugees not only contribute to their new communities economically through the creation of businesses and by purchasing homes, but also play an active role in civic engagement.”

“Historically, our country’s commitment to refugee protection has been bipartisan. Presidents from both political parties have spearheaded efforts to lead on refugee resettlement because it embodies the best of American ideals. It’s who we are. Republicans and Democrats have raised refugee admissions for populations fleeing communist uprisings, religious persecution and tyranny in countries like Vietnam, Cuba, the former Soviet Union, Kosovo, Myanmar, and Iran.”

“As the United States aims to put its values and interests first, it must not forget that offering freedom from oppression is a crucible of its founding. Resettling refugees is a way that the U.S. can live out its core values and ensure a more stable and democratic world.”

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SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CANDIDATES

- Every year, #Refugees open businesses, revitalize towns, become citizens & give back to the communities that welcomed them.

- #Refugees bring their resiliency & experiences to help make our communities better. #RefugeesWelcome

- Did you know that 51% of #Refugees are children? These kids miss out on school, safety, and the joys of childhood.

- The US has been a global leader in the protection of refugees and must continue to set an example as a safe haven. #RefugeesWelcome

- The US Refugee Resettlement Program is a lifesaving, public-private partnership for #refugees with no other means of finding safety. #GreaterAs1

- Every minute, 24 people are forced to flee their homes because of war or persecution. #RefugeesWelcome