(Insert Date)

**Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Dear Governor Newsom:

As your constituent from \_\_\_ (city/county/state), I urge you to you publicly state that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (city/county/state) will continue its proud tradition of welcoming refugees. I am writing on behalf of the Orange County Jewish Coalition for Refugees (OCJCR). Through our faith-based approach, in coalition with other local organizations, we work to support refugees in our county. (I and) Many of our members, from nine synagogues across Orange County, are descendants of those who sought refuge in this country.

A recent Executive Order (E.O. 13888, Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement) requires that state and local officials give the Secretary of State written consent for their communities to remain part of USRAP, the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. For your convenience, I am attaching a template letter that affirms \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (city/county/state)’s desire to remain part of this refugee resettlement program. The letter notes the benefits refugees bring to our communities and that the program ensures more stringent vetting procedures than any other country has.

[Thank you very much for your support.]

Sincerely,

(name)

(address)

Board Member, OCJCR