

The Honorable Mike Doyle
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Dear Mr. Doyle,

I am writing to express my concern about the global refugee crisis and to urge you to help the United States lead the global community in effectively addressing the crisis.

There are currently at least 60 million refugee and displaced persons worldwide. 19.5 million of them have sought sanctuary outside of their home countries. All countries have an obligation not to send refugees back into harm's way.

Unfortunately most countries that have the best capacity host refugees still treat them as if they were somebody else's problem, leaving poorer countries to host 86% of the global refugee population.

President Obama's announcement that the United States would increase the number of asylum seekers from the Middle East that are granted asylum is too little and too focused on just one region.

We are a country of immigrants and refugees. A country that in its finest moments has tried to help others in need.

In this spirit, I urge you to speak out and take action by:

- Calling for an increase of the overall number of refugees that are resettled in the United States;
- Increasing support and funding for countries hosting refugees; and
- Streamlining the U.S. resettlement program so that it does not take so long.

Sincerely,