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Protect Refugees and Honor Humanitarian Commitments in the FY26 Appropriations Budget

Level: Federal

Branch: House of Representatives

Email Script

Subject: Protect refugees and honor humanitarian commitments in FY26 Appropriations

Dear Representative [Last Name],

I'm writing as a constituent to urge you to restore funding for refugee resettlement, humanitarian programs, and critical protections for persecuted people in the FY26 appropriations process. Slashing these programs would be an abdication of U.S. leadership, endanger millions of lives, and undermine U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.

Specifically, I'm asking you to:

- **Maintain and strengthen funding** for Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA), International Disaster Assistance (IDA), and Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA),
- **Include bill language** to ensure displaced people have access to food, education, housing, and long-term solutions like resettlement,
- **Support local communities** in welcoming newcomers through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR),
- **Ensure full funding for USCIS** to support refugee and asylum processing — independently from enforcement or detention funding,
- **Defend humanitarian protections** by ensuring individuals with parole, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or pending protection applications are not left vulnerable to sudden policy changes.

Only Congress can make the refugee protection system stable, efficient, and fair. Thank you for standing up for U.S. leadership, safety, and humanitarian values.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Address]

Call Script

Hi, my name is [Your Name], I live at [your address] and can be reached at [phone number, email address]. I'm calling to urge [Representative] [Last Name] to protect funding and support for refugees in the FY26 Appropriations process. Specifically:

- Protect funding for programs like Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA), International Disaster Assistance (IDA), and Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA),
- Include bill language to ensure displaced people have access to food, education, housing, and long-term solutions like resettlement,
- And ensure USCIS can process refugee and asylum applications — without tying it to increased enforcement or detention.

Slashing protections for refugees would abandon U.S. leadership, endanger millions of lives, and undermine U.S. foreign policy and national security. Congress must lead to make our resettlement system sustainable and protect the most vulnerable.

Thank you for your time — I hope [he/she] will stand up for refugees.