



## DISCIPLES REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION MINISTRIES REFUGEE ACTION ALERT, MARCH 2017

**New Refugee and Travel Ban Issued by President:** On March 6<sup>th</sup>, President Trump issued an Executive Order which bars travelers from six mostly Muslim countries from entering the U.S. for 90 days. It also suspends refugee resettlement for 120 days, and drastically reduces the number of refugees the United States will resettle this year from 110,000 to only 50,000. The Order has the impact of grinding the refugee resettlement program to a halt, and delaying refugees from the opportunity to find safety for years.

As we face the worst displacement crisis in global history with over 21 million refugees, now is the time to live up to our American values of compassion, hospitality, and welcome. The limitations of the Order do not reflect our faith's welcoming values across the United States.

**Call your Senators and Representatives at (202) 224-3121\* today and tell them you support the refugee resettlement program and oppose President Trump's executive orders against refugees.**

\*Call 3 times to connect with your 1 Representative & 2 Senators

Sample Script: "I'm your constituent from [City, State], and I support refugee resettlement. I strongly oppose the President's executive orders against refugees - both the original January version and the rewritten version released on March 6th. The order will bar individuals from Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen; grind refugee resettlement from all countries to a halt; and reduce the number of refugees we welcome to 50,000, a historic low. This does not reflect the welcome for refugees I see in my community, and I urge you to do everything in your power to see this executive order rescinded."



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Disastrous consequences of the first executive order against refugees continue to reverberate around the world. President Trump's rewritten order will have the same catastrophic impacts. This does not reflect our national or our faith values of welcome. We cannot turn our backs on the refugees we pledged to welcome. As Americans and as people of faith, we must stand together and urge Congress to do everything they can to ensure the executive order is rescinded.

### **Take action TODAY!**

**1) CALL CONGRESS (as above) and tell them you oppose Trump's rewritten Executive Order and that your community stands ready to welcome refugees from all backgrounds.**

**2) TWEET these messages to [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump) & [@WhiteHouse](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse) --**

- [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump) & [@WhiteHouse](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse) Don't stop welcoming refugees. Resettlement demonstrates the best of our values #RefugeesWelcome #GreaterAs1
- [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump) & [@WhiteHouse](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse) Denying Muslim refugees safety is an affront to religious liberty #RefugeesWelcome [bit.ly/4000religiousleaderletter](http://bit.ly/4000religiousleaderletter) [hias.org/1500rabbis](http://hias.org/1500rabbis)
- [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump) & [@WhiteHouse](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse) More than 4,000 faith leaders are opposed to any policy that would keep Muslim refugees from seeking safety: [bit.ly/4000religiousleaderletter](http://bit.ly/4000religiousleaderletter)

**3) SEND THE SAME MESSAGE to [whitehouse.gov/contact](http://whitehouse.gov/contact) and comment on a post on the White House Facebook page: [Facebook.com/WhiteHouse](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteHouse)**

**4) ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY RESPONSE THROUGH [RAPID RESPONSE AND MOBILIZATION](#) opposing the executive orders against refugees, as well as the executive orders against immigrants.**

**5) REACH OUT TO YOUR PARTNERS IN THE BUSINESS, HEALTH, EDUCATOR, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND FAITH COMMUNITY!** Urge them to sign onto these sector-specific letters supporting resettlement and opposing discrimination: [bit.ly/Business4Refugees](http://bit.ly/Business4Refugees) [bit.ly/Educators4Refugees](http://bit.ly/Educators4Refugees)  
[bit.ly/LawEnforcement4Refugees](http://bit.ly/LawEnforcement4Refugees) [bit.ly/Health4Refugees](http://bit.ly/Health4Refugees) [bit.ly/FaithLeaders4Refugees](http://bit.ly/FaithLeaders4Refugees)

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