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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington DC, 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, *On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement*.

Michigan has a rich history of welcoming refugees and other immigrants to our state. I am committed to ensuring that we remain a leader in responding to the needs of globally displaced families and individuals. We recognize the value of being a welcoming state, and the contribution of refugees to the fabric of our communities. Refugees enhance our state socially, culturally, and economically. We would gladly continue to welcome them to Michigan. I fully anticipate that our local communities and jurisdictions will continue to support the resettlement and welcoming of refugees as our new neighbors and stand ready to do all I can to support these vitally important efforts. I understand my written consent will be publicly released by the Department of State.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

c: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Carol T. O'Connell, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State