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Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration  
U. S. Department of State  
2201 C Street N. W. #5805  
Washington, DC 20520

RE: Resettling of Refugees in Flathead County

Dear Ms. Richard:

The Flathead County Commissioners oppose the resettling of refugees in Flathead County.

The Director of the FBI and DHS have both stated on the record that it is not possible to adequately investigate the legitimacy of each refugee's status.

Influxes of refugees will overburden our community's social services, health care agencies, affordable housing, job opportunities and local school districts, many of which carry an impact to our local taxpayers.

Therefore, we cannot support the relocation of refugees without a legitimate vetting process and an analysis of refugee impacts to our local community.

Sincerely,  
FLATHEAD COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pamela J. Holmquist, Chairman

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Philip B. Mitchell, Member

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