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**Subject:** RE: Approved Refugee Placements FY 2016

In the last 12 months, the total estimated population receiving refugee services in Florida exceeded 51,000 individuals, which included over 100 Syrian refugees. In November, your administration requested additional resettlement capacity from several organizations to support the relocation of more refugees due to the President's announcement that the United States would take in an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees.

Since then, several organizations requested that our agency support the relocation of 425 possible Syrian refugees to Florida. Following the terrorist attacks by ISIS in Paris, and the news that at least one of the terror attack suspects gained access to France by posing as a Syrian refugee, Governor Scott participated in a conference call with the White House where a) the White House could not explain how America's process for vetting Syrian refugees was any better than the French process for vetting Syrian refugees and b) the White House stated they would not provide Florida law enforcement with background information on Syrian refugees the White House intended to relocate to Florida.

Therefore, we will not support the requests we have received to an already overburdened system without a) the alleviation of our concerns about America's vetting process b) disclosure of background information of each refugee being provided to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and c) adequate time for FDLE to vet each refugee. We have copied the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to ensure this information is shared with the appropriate law enforcement officers.

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