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LETTER TO BARACK OBAMA FROM THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

TO TAKE ACTION ON SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

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'On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge you to take bold, exemplary action to address an ongoing refugee crisis that has evolved into one of the largest we have seen in recent history.'

'...We were encouraged by the recent news that you will increase the overall number of refugee admissions in the coming years. The goals you have set would represent a good step forward, particularly with respect to the troubling low number ““ approximately 1,600 ““ of Syrian refugees who have been admitted to the United States since 2011...'

'Several Middle Eastern and European countries, much smaller than ours, have recently captured the moral high ground. Syria´s neighbors have demonstrated their willingness to bear more than their share of the burden of caring for Syrian refugees; for example, Lebanon has taken in one million refugees, Turkey has taken in twomillion, and Jordan has taken in half a million. Germany, providing important leadership to the European Union, has pledged to take in 800,000 refugees.'

'Again, we must remain mindful of our moral imperative to help respond to this crisis, and to set a benchmark for the rest of the world moving forward. We appreciate the efforts you have undertaken so far, and we look forward to seeing them continue.'

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