

November 17, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wolf Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 225 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

## Dear Governor Wolf:

It is with deep concern that we write to you today. The terrorist attacks in Paris serve as a stark reminder that the intent of some to destroy the democratic freedoms and values we so enjoy remains strong.

Just as the tactics of terrorists evolve, so must our policies.

Unfortunately, reports now indicate that at least one attacker had presented himself as a refugee to gain access to France. In light of this news and your decision to continue to accept Syrian refugees, we strongly feel that the process by which refugees gain access to our country and specifically, Pennsylvania, must be reevaluated.

To that end, we look forward to your responses to the following questions.

- 1. On what basis have you decided to allow Syrian refugees to relocate to Pennsylvania?
- 2. What have you personally done to ensure that the refugees being relocated to Pennsylvania have no ties to extremist groups or have engaged/aided in terroristic activities?

Certainly you would agree that ensuring the safety of the citizens of Pennsylvania is the most important job we, as elected officials, have. Collectively, we have received innumerable calls from concerned citizens regarding refugees relocating to Pennsylvania. While we have sympathy for those fleeing these war-torn countries, many of whom are escaping the very terrorism we try to prevent here, we share the concerns of our constituents.

We look forward to learning what steps Pennsylvania is taking to thwart anyone with illintentions from exploiting the refugee process.

Sincerely,

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