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## Office of the Governor

November 16, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

Like you, I was horrified by the heinous acts of terrorism in Paris. These actions have caused me and many governors in our nation to review the status of refugee resettlement programs within our borders.

I am writing today to request that you direct a comprehensive review of the refugee eligibility, security oversight, and resettlement processes in our nation. My staff has reviewed current guidelines from the U.S. State Department but I am encouraging you to make a further review and to consider necessary refinements to these policies and practices given the recent tragedy in France. I am specifically concerned about the background checks performed for Syrian refugees sent to Nevada for resettlement, and I would appreciate further guidance on the benefits eligibility of such persons while they reside here.

I would also request that until your administration has completed the review of these programs, no additional Syrian refugees be admitted for resettlement in Nevada.

Thank you for your assistance in addressing my concerns.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandoval".

Brian Sandoval  
Governor