



*Jim Justice*  
*Governor of West Virginia*

December 20, 2019

Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary  
U. S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement, issued by President Donald J. Trump on September 26, 2019.

I am grateful for the Trump Administration's consideration of states' rights with this Executive Order and with other policies that impact what happens in West Virginia. Further, I understand that refugees who come to West Virginia will have been vetted and approved by the appropriate federal agencies, including the Department of State, and be granted legal entry to make a new home in America before settling here.

West Virginia has had great success with our refugee resettlement agency, which has been in operation since 1978. Refugees who have resettled here have become productive citizens and are welcomed into our West Virginia family. Therefore, as Governor of West Virginia, I consent to refugee resettlement in West Virginia, as per the terms of the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Justice".

Jim Justice  
Governor

cc: Carol T. O'Connell, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration  
U.S. Department of State