



November 14, 2019

Dear Mayor Bouley:

I write to you today about the future of the refugee resettlement program in Concord and to seek your written consent to continue our partnership, as is now required under a new Executive Order (EO). On September 26, 2019, President Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 13888[1], which requires your formal consent for continued refugee resettlement in Concord. Given the life-saving nature of this program, we ask that you provide written consent by December 20, 2019.

This year, President Trump has proposed setting refugee admissions at 18,000 refugees. As you know, the refugee resettlement program has had a long history here in Nashua thanks to widespread community support. Refugee resettlement has economically and culturally enriched our community, and has brought substantial value through a public-private partnership. For instance, responding to numerous requests from employers, Ascentria Services for New Americans helps them stabilize their workforce by placing reliable workers into entry-level as well as skilled positions. Nationally, as the Department of Health and Human Services recently noted, refugees contributed \$63 billion dollars in revenue over the past decade.

Below is sample consent language. We hope you can issue consent as soon as possible, so as not to leave people in harm's way or impact existing services in our community. We have also enclosed additional background information on refugee resettlement and the EO. If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to reach out. We would be happy to schedule a meeting to discuss further. Additionally, if you have questions about the EO, we recommend that you contact the Department of State. Lastly, I kindly request that you email a copy of the consent letter to the email contact below as we are also required to include it in the refugee resettlement proposals submitted to the Department of State at RefResettlement-PRM@state.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Ascentria Care Alliance
Amy Marchildon, Director
603-410-3322
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[1] Although we are communicating with you about the implementation of the EO, communication about, or participation in, the implementation of Executive Order 13888 is not in any way an endorsement of the legality of the EO.

Sample consent language

[MAYOR LETTERHEAD]

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

[DATE]

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement.*"

As Mayor of Concord, New Hampshire, I consent to initial refugee resettlement in Concord as per the terms of the Executive Order. New Hampshire does not have a county government system. Cities and towns in New Hampshire have authority on local matters to the extent granted under state law. Accordingly, I am signing this document as the Chief Executive Officer of the local government authority in Concord, NH. This consent is valid unless or until withdrawn.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

[POSITION]

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

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Stevens, Suzanne on behalf of * City Manager Office
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Aspell, Thomas
Cc: Bonenfant, Janice
Subject: FW: Consent Letter- REVISED Draft per State Dept and National Resettlement Agencies guidelines
Attachments: Consent template - Concord v2.docx
Importance: High

From: Amy Marchildon [mailto:AMarchildon@ascentria.org]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 6:08 PM
To: jpbouley@comcast.net
Cc: * City Manager Office
Subject: RE: Consent Letter- REVISED Draft per State Dept and National Resettlement Agencies guidelines
Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Bouley and Tom,

This afternoon Ascentria Care Alliance received updated guidance through our National Agencies regarding specific language that the State Department would find helpful in the consent letters. The State Department has referenced Counties or County Equivalents in relation to the consent letters. Since we do not have a county government system that would authorize refugee resettlement for a local city, we needed to add a clause to the consent letter to describe this reality. Also, the State Department had mentioned that the consent letters would be standing letters, but we need to specifically add that language too.

Please see the revised draft letter attached. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 410-3322.

Many thanks,
Amy

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From: Amy Marchildon
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 4:00 PM
To: 'jpbouley@comcast.net' <jpbouley@comcast.net>
Cc: 'citymanager@concordnh.gov' (citymanager@concordnh.gov) <citymanager@concordnh.gov>
Subject: Consent Letter for refugee resettlement and Executive Order background
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Bouley,

As you know, the Trump Administration issued an Executive Order requiring states and municipalities to provide consent for refugee resettlement to continue. I am writing today to seek your consent. Attached, please find a letter detailing the need for consent and a sample consent letter for your convenience. Also attached, please find a one-pager providing more information about the Executive Order.

Letters are requested to be mailed directly to the Department of State as soon as possible, but no later than December 20, 2019, and emailed to Ascentria (email contact included in the introductory letter).

I am happy to answer any questions you may have, or schedule a meeting if that would be helpful.

Many thanks for your kind attention to this matter,
Amy Marchildon

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