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From: Harrison, Bob
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 11:27 AM
To: Price, Cally
Subject: FW: State and Local Elected Leaders Sign-on Letter for Welcoming Refugees in FY2023 - deadline 8/29

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From: Byers, Patricia <Patricia.Byers@yakimawa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 11:25 AM
To: Harrison, Bob <Bob.Harrison@yakimawa.gov>
Subject: Re: State and Local Elected Leaders Sign-on Letter for Welcoming Refugees in FY2023 - deadline 8/29

Please have Cally submit to Council. Thank you.

Patricia Byers
City Council - District 3
City of Yakima

On Aug 1, 2022, at 4:43 PM, Harrison, Bob <Bob.Harrison@yakimawa.gov> wrote:

It should go to the Council.

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From: Byers, Patricia <Patricia.Byers@yakimawa.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 2:17 PM

To: Harrison, Bob <Bob.Harrison@yakimawa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: State and Local Elected Leaders Sign-on Letter for Welcoming Refugees in FY2023 - deadline 8/29

Is this something we should forward to Council, or forward to all Council for individual choice?

Patricia Byers
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Verlynn Best <verlynn@yakima.org>

Date: July 18, 2022 at 9:01:17 AM PDT

To: "Byers, Patricia" <Patricia.Byers@yakimawa.gov>

Subject: FW: State and Local Elected Leaders Sign-on Letter for Welcoming Refugees in FY2023 - deadline 8/29

FYI

From: Asma Easa <AEasa@immcouncil.org>

Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 8:37 AM

To: Asma Easa <AEasa@immcouncil.org>

Cc: Mo Kantner <MKantner@immcouncil.org>

Subject: State and Local Elected Leaders Sign-on Letter for Welcoming Refugees in FY2023 - deadline 8/29

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Dear chamber colleagues,

Please see below an advocacy opportunity from the Refugee Advocacy Lab.

Refugee Advocacy Lab and partners are releasing a nonpartisan, unbranded letter calling on President Biden to urgently rebuild the refugee resettlement program in FY 2023. They're calling for state and local elected leaders to sign on to the letter. **The deadline for signing the letter is August 29th.**

As chambers and business leaders who intimately know the incredible value of welcoming refugees into our labor force, local economies, and social fabric, we hope you can partner with us in this effort.

We are asking chamber colleagues to share this opportunity with your mayor, governor, and other electeds in your city, county, and/or state. To sign on to the letter, [elected officials can do so here](#). In your outreach, feel free to share (or take language from) "[5 Reasons Why Businesses Should Support Refugee Inclusion](#)" for more on why the business community is ready to welcome. Please feel free to share this among your networks as well. For more information, please see below.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thank you for your continued engagement,

Asma

*In anticipation of the President's annual decision on how many refugees the United States will resettle in the upcoming fiscal year, the Refugee Advocacy Lab is working with partners across the country to encourage state and local elected officials to sign a nonpartisan, unbranded letter emphasizing how vital refugees are to our communities, and why we need a robust, well-funded system to welcome them. **This letter urges President Biden to rebuild and resource the refugee resettlement program so that we can better meet our commitment to welcoming refugees in FY 2023.***

Last year, we were able to get more than 300 signatures from elected officials from all 50 states. This year, our goal is to not only increase that number, but deepen bipartisan representation so that we have support from both parties in each state. We appreciate your help in spreading the word and sharing this opportunity with elected officials in your state.

Elected officials can sign the letter [HERE](#). You can find social media toolkit & graphics, as well as sample emails and call scripts for constituents, [HERE](#). **The letter will close on August 29, 2022 and will be released publicly in early September.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to outreach@refugeeadvocacylab.org!

<https://welcomingrefugees2023.org>

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