



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 26, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

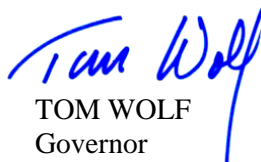
Today, thousands of Afghans who stood shoulder to shoulder with Americans over the last twenty years fighting for a better home are in the process of evacuation. At the same time, Haitians who have lost everything in one of the worst natural disasters in a decade sift through the rubble for loved ones, trying to piece together what remains of their families and livelihoods.

Pennsylvania was founded on the ideals of peace, tolerance, and safety for all people. These are values that we must all strive to uphold every day, and, as public servants, our work constantly creates new opportunities and challenges to meet in pursuit of these values on behalf of all current and future Pennsylvanians. It is incumbent upon us to model the ideals on which Pennsylvania was founded and be a welcoming home for any who seek safe refuge in the United States.

My administration has and continues to collaborate with the federal government and local refugee resettlement agencies to connect refugees resettled in Pennsylvania with benefit programs and supportive services. We provide stability and access to high quality employment, medical and mental health screenings, support services, and case management that help new Pennsylvanians as they acclimate to their new home and community for up to 60 months post-arrival.

Pennsylvania stands ready to continue serving as a resource and a safe, welcoming home for those who seek refuge in the United States. We are pleased to join in your administration's efforts to safely relocate and resettle individuals and families fleeing persecution. Please do not hesitate to call upon Pennsylvania for assistance.

Sincerely,


TOM WOLF
Governor