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ECDC Urges Texas Governor Greg Abbott to Continue Welcoming Refugees

The Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. (ECDC) is strongly disappointed with Governor Greg Abbot's decision to withdraw the State of Texas from the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. In the face of the largest refugee crisis in modern times, it is irresponsible for public officials to turn their backs on refugees, especially women and children, who have been displaced by war and conflict. The world is in turmoil, and there are more than 65 million displaced people, who are desperately in need of our help. ECDC urges Governor Abbott to reconsider his decision and continue Texas's tradition of welcoming newcomers.

Texas has been an important part of our nation's refugee resettlement program for decades, and Texans have welcomed refugees with hearts as big as their state. During the current refugee crisis, ECDC's affiliates throughout the U.S., especially in Texas, have witnessed tremendous support from their communities. Texans have volunteered their time and donated money and resources to help refugees, because they believe a strong nation helps those in need, and, in turn, helping those in need makes our nation stronger.

ECDC is asking community organizations, faith-based groups and other concerned citizens in Texas to call on Governor Abbott to uphold our shared values as a welcoming, inclusive and compassionate country.

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ECDC is one of nine voluntary agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. With a special focus on African refugees, ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland.



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