



BILL HASLAM
GOVERNOR
STATE OF TENNESSEE

December 9, 2015

The Honorable John F. Kerry
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

In accordance with White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough's November 30 letter, I am formally requesting regular access to refugee resettlement information.

Additionally, I hope the discussion at the upcoming NGA winter meeting with U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services officials will be productive and will lead to states becoming more of a partner in the vetting process for refugees. This was the request I made to President Obama in a November 17 letter and that other governors of both parties have made as well.

In the meantime, I request access to all information the federal government will make available on refugee placements in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Haslam", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Haslam
Governor

cc: Denis R. McDonough, Assistant to the President and White House Chief of Staff
The Honorable Gary R. Herbert, Governor of Utah and NGA Chairman