



BONNER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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The Honorable C. L. "Butch" Otter
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Governor Otter:

As the Bonner County Sheriff, I took the oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution, the Idaho State Constitution and the laws of Idaho. I am charged with the responsibility to keep this community safe. When I see a potential threat to this community, I am obligated to do everything in my power to expose that threat. The resettlement of Syrian refugees is a plausible threat and must be prevented.

FBI Director James Comey, in February of this year, spoke of the "chaotic spider web" of terrorists that have infiltrated our nation. He said, "Those people exist in every state. I have homegrown violent extremist investigations in every single state." Comey suggests that ISIS uses social media like a job fair.

In acknowledging the purpose of our Federal Constitution, Our Founders crafted the By-Laws of our nation in order to do two things: 1) to protect our citizens from foreign enemies, and 2) to protect the liberties of our citizens. Today this paradigm is backwards. We are giving unfettered liberty to our foreign enemies, while allowing our fellow citizens to be tyrannized.

Since 911, questions still exist on what our federal government is effectively doing to prevent terrorism and enhance our security. It is apparent that the continuation of the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program in Idaho is doing neither. I urge you to take a stand and refuse to allow this program to continue.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Daryl Wheeler