



November 19, 2019

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

This letter responds to the September 26, 2019, executive order issued by President Donald Trump concerning enhanced state and local involvement in refugee resettlement.

We are grateful for the administration's consideration of states' rights in determining policies and actions that impact what happens within our own borders. Our administration takes very seriously the duty to protect the security and prosperity of our residents.

North Dakota has had success at integrating refugees who have become responsible citizens and productive members of the workforce. Therefore, with ongoing diligence, North Dakota consents to receive resettlement refugees, in conjunction with the continued assent and cooperation of local jurisdictions in our state.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum
Governor