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My name is Roz Collins, and I live in Fairview OR. I am 83 years old, so I can speak from experience when I say caring for our neighbors and "strangers within our midst" is not only the most effective way toward peace and justice--it is also our Biblical mandate for we Jews and Christians. In fact every major faith based group has similar guidelines.

I volunteer with SnowCap Community Charities in the Gresham area. I have seen how refugees and other displaced persons receive food and other services in a loving and caring way. Many of these people are traumatized by the headlines they read or hear from various sources. When citizens as well as immigrants whose legal status is in limbo are in fear for their future, something must be done to provide a system of equity for ALL people. I urge you and your committee to provide a means where immigration and refugee resettlement can be processed in a timely and humane manner. I have lived through many of our country's travails: WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, the 60's civil unrest, 9/11 fallout etc. Never have I felt this embarrassed as a US Citizen as I do today. YOU/WE must act to bring back humanitarian ethics to my beloved country.

Thank you for your consideration