**Sample Letter**

*[Date]*

*Dear [TITLE Last Name]:*

*My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_, and I am a constituent of [CITY, STATE], and I urge you to promote Texas’ role in welcoming refugees. Embracing the world’s oppressed is an American tradition and our society is made up of the descendants of refugees.*

*I ask that you oppose any legislation that sets refugees apart as outsiders, places obstacles in their path to self-sufficiency, or pulls vital resources from the Refugee Resettlement Program. Furthermore, I ask that you oppose any proposal that grants a state or governor the power to reject admitted refugees from settling in their state.*

*I ask that you support legislation that promotes refugees’ smooth arrival and adjustment, self-sufficiency, and contribution to and integration into local communities. Finally I ask that you ensure financial accounts that support the Refugee Resettlement Program are sufficiently funded.*

*Thank you for your service to our state and country, I hope that you will be a voice of reason and love in the legislature.”*

*Highest regards,*

*[YOUR NAME]*

*[YOUR SIGNATURE]*

**We encourage you to share personal stories that show the important role refugees play in your area, and how your community has benefited from their arrival.**

**Bullet Points for Custom Letter**

Include the following points in your custom letter to your representative:

* I and my community welcome refugees in our area and want to see them flourish
* The refugee vetting process is extensive and secure; refugees are not a threat
* Refugees quickly becomes self-sufficient and significantly contribute to local economies
* Oppose legislation that encumbers, rejects, or alienates refugee communities in any way
* Support legislation that promotes the flourishing of refugee communities
* Embracing refugees is one of America’s most important legacies
* Any personal stories you can add