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## **Governor Scott Walker Releases Statement on Federal Syrian Refugee Resettlement Program**

**Madison** – Governor Scott Walker released the following statement today regarding his concerns with the federal Syrian refugee resettlement program:

*In light of these horrific and tragic attacks, our first priority must be to protect our citizens. Along with governors across the country, I have deep concerns about the Obama Administration's plan to accept 10,000 or more Syrian refugees, especially given that one of the Paris attackers was reportedly a Syrian refugee. In consultation with our Adjutant General, who also serves as my Homeland Security Advisor, it is clear that the influx of Syrian refugees poses a threat.*

*With this in mind, I am calling upon the President to immediately suspend the program pending a full review of its security and acceptance procedures. The State of Wisconsin will not accept new Syrian refugees.*

*There may be those who will try to take advantage of the generosity of our country and the ability to move freely within our borders through this federal resettlement program, and we must ensure we are doing all we can to safeguard the security of Americans.*

*Furthermore, I am opposed to recently introduced legislation encouraging the state to accept Syrian refugees in Wisconsin.*

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