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Governor Walker:

President Donald Trump's executive order to ban refugees from entering the United States as well as travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries is an affront to human decency and flies in the face of the civil rights enshrined in our Constitution. Despite what President Trump claims, this ban will not make us more safe. It will only disrupt our communities, foster terrorist propaganda, and put our servicemembers at risk of retaliatory attacks.

America must be a shining beacon that accepts people of all races, religions, and cultures. We cannot allow fear to dictate our policies nor can we turn our back on the world. We must continue to accept refugees and allow those with green cards and visas to enter with proper vetting into the United States.

Governor Walker, we demand that you denounce the ban on foreign travelers and refugees, as well as vow to protect the refugees who have already resettled in Wisconsin from persecution.

As you have no doubt heard, there are countless stories of refugees and immigrants coming to America and accomplishing great things like Apple CEO Steve Jobs, the son of a Syrian migrant, or the co-founder of Google, Sergey Brin, who emigrated as a refugee from the Soviet Union with his family in 1979. But we don't accept refugees and immigrants because they might form the next fortune 500 company.

As it is etched into the Statue of Liberty, "*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*" In that spirit, the United States cannot shrink from the world stage; it must continue to be the light that drives away the forces of oppression and tyranny. With that responsibility comes a duty to open our arms and embrace those seeking shelter from the storm.

We look forward to working with you to protect our refugees and immigrants as we stand united against those who seek to diminish our country's standing in the world and protect those values that truly make our country great.

Sincerely,

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