



## **Action Toolkit: Advocate for Refugee Funding in FY 2021 #WeAreWelcomers**

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### **Background**

Right now, Congress is considering funding bills for Fiscal Year 2021 before federal funding expires on December 11th. This includes funding for the U.S. resettlement program and resources for local communities to help refugees integrate and thrive. As we confront the worst displacement crisis in history and the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is vital that Congress support and pass robust funding for refugees, asylees, and other displaced populations.

Now is the time to rebuild the U.S. resettlement program and respond to refugees' acute needs related to COVID-19. Refugees are also serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response, including 176,000 working in health care and 175,000 in the food supply chain. At this time of national health and economic challenges, it is important that all populations are able to fully mitigate COVID-19 and put us all in the best position to rebuild our nation.

### **Urge Congress to Robustly Fund the U.S. Resettlement Program and Protect Refugees in FY 2021!**

### **Contact Your Members of Congress**

[Click here](#) to call or email your Senators and Representative and urge them to support robust funding for refugees in FY 2021. Here's an example of what to say:

*"I'm your constituent from [CITY/TOWN], and as a person of faith, I urge you to provide \$6.342 billion for the Refugee and Entrant Assistance account that funds the Office of Refugee Resettlement and \$4.35 billion for the Migration and Refugee Assistance account that funds the State Department to support refugee assistance overseas and in the United States. As we work together to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and consider everyone's challenges in facing this crisis, it is vital to also consider the needs of refugees navigating and surviving the health crisis as newcomers to the United States. Refugees are also serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response, including 176,000 working in health care and 175,000 in the food supply chain. Now is the time to rebuild the U.S. resettlement program. My community welcomes refugees and I urge you to support robust funding for refugee protection and resettlement."*

## Amplify on Social Media

### Tweet at your Members of Congress

Share the posts below [along with these graphics](#). Find your [Members of Congress'](#) Twitter handles here. In addition to #WeAreWelcomers and #RefugeesWelcome, you can also use the hashtags #ActionForRefugees and #WithRefugees.

*.@Senator/Rep I urge you to support and pass robust funding for the U.S. refugee resettlement program in FY21! My faith calls me to welcome those in need and my community is ready to help our refugee neighbors integrate and thrive. @interfaithimm #WeAreWelcomers #RefugeesWelcome*

*.@Senator/Rep As you consider funding for FY21, please support and pass robust funding for refugees, asylees, and other displaced people. Now is the time to rebuild the U.S. resettlement program and protect our global neighbors in need. @interfaithimm #WeAreWelcomers*

*.@Senator/Rep Please support and pass robust funding for refugees, asylees, and other displaced people in FY21—including funding for resettlement and resources for local communities to help refugees integrate, thrive, and survive #COVID19. @interfaithimm #WeAreWelcomers*

*.@Senator/Rep As we confront #COVID19 and the worst displacement crisis in history, it is vital that Congress support and pass funding for refugees, asylees, and other displaced people. Please pass robust funding for these groups in FY21! @interfaithimm #WeAreWelcomers*

*Refugees pay taxes, start businesses, fill needed jobs, and benefit our communities in countless ways—support we especially need during the #COVID19 crisis. @Senator/Rep, please fund the refugee resettlement program in FY21! @interfaithimm #WeAreWelcomers #RefugeesWelcome*

*Refugees strengthen our communities, especially now as many are serving on the frontlines of the #COVID19 response. @Senator/Rep, as you consider funding for FY21, please robustly fund the resettlement program and protect our refugee neighbors! @interfaithimm #WeAreWelcomers*

### Raise Awareness on Social Media

Share the posts below [along with these graphics](#) to raise awareness and encourage others to take action. In addition to #WeAreWelcomers and #RefugeesWelcome, you can also use the hashtags #ActionForRefugees and #WithRefugees.

*Right now, Congress is considering funding for Fiscal Year 2021—including funding for the refugee resettlement program and resources for local communities to help refugees integrate and thrive. Learn more and join me in taking action: [bit.ly/FY21funding](https://bit.ly/FY21funding) #WeAreWelcomers*

*Amidst #COVID19 and the worst displacement crisis in history, Congress must pass robust funding for refugees, asylees, and other displaced people. Learn more and advocate for moral funding in FY21 here: [bit.ly/FY21funding](https://bit.ly/FY21funding) #WeAreWelcomers #RefugeesWelcome*

*Refugees pay taxes, fill needed jobs, and benefit our communities in countless ways—support we critically need during this #COVID19 crisis. Advocate for your refugee neighbors and urge Congress to fund the resettlement program in FY21:*

*<https://greateras1.org/urgent-take-action-urge-congress-to-support-robust-funding-for-refugees-in-fy-2021/> #WeAreWelcomers*