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SPRING INSTITUTE APPLAUDS LETTER FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ON REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Denver, CO—Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning applauds the letter sent to President Trump on May 1 by 127 Members of Congress expressing concern that the United States has abdicated its role as the world leader in responding to the world refugee crisis. Just two of Colorado’s seven Members of Congress—Representative DeGette and Representative Polis—signed the joint letter.

“We express our deep appreciation to Representatives DeGette and Polis for their support of this important initiative to raise alarm bells and to ask the Administration specific questions as to why it is on track to resettle a historically low number of refugees in stark contrast to all previous administrations, Democratic and Republican alike,” said Paula Schriefer, Spring Institute President and CEO.

The letter points out that halfway through Fiscal Year 2018, only 10,584 refugees have been resettled in the U.S., which is roughly a quarter of arrival numbers in the final years of the previous administration and less than half of where the U.S. should be to meet even the extremely low target for arrival numbers set by the Trump Administration last fall.

The letter requests detailed information from the Administration regarding the resettlement program, including any changes it has made in the screening process; its plans to appoint an Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration; and its plans regarding the screening of refugees in other countries.

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