

**Instructions:**

Write a letter to an elected official telling them why you oppose Trump's refugee ban and urging them to use their influence to abolish it. (Learn who represents you in the [House](#) and [Senate](#).)

You can either print and sign the exact letter below, or use it as a template to write a letter of your own. The more personalized your letter is, the better. But the most important part is to get it in the mail!

You may want to refer to [stories](#) of Rainbow Street beneficiaries to help personalize your letter. You can also refer to Rainbow Street's [statement](#) on the refugee ban to better understand how it disproportionately affects LGBT refugees.

Thank you for supporting LGBT refugees! Learn more about Rainbow Street's work at [www.rainbow-street.com](http://www.rainbow-street.com).

Questions? Contact [info@rainbow-street.org](mailto:info@rainbow-street.org).



Dear

I'm a supporter of Rainbow Street, an American non-profit organization that provides critical emergency assistance to LGBT people living in crisis in the Middle East and North Africa. Rainbow Street works with LGBT activists on the ground to provide shelter, food, transportation, community support, and other essential resources to some of the region's most vulnerable refugees and internally displaced people.

I'm writing to you out of concern over President Trump's January 27 executive order. Trump's indefinite halt of the resettlement of Syrian refugees and 120-day delay for all other refugees is particularly devastating for LGBT people in the region.

Through the fast-track resettlement program for exceptionally vulnerable refugees, the United States has traditionally settled the majority of LGBT cases. But without this option of resettlement in the US, most LGBT people have nowhere to turn.

The gridlock resulting from the 120-day delay means at least 4 more months for LGBT individuals to be exposed to the very real risks of homelessness, food insecurity, kidnapping, detainment, torture, and murder that LGBT people are subject to in the Middle East and North Africa.

Furthermore, refugees already undergo an extremely thorough vetting process before entering the United States and do not pose a threat to our national security. On the contrary, turning our back on refugees provides ISIS and other extremist groups persuasive recruitment material, threatening our troops abroad.

**I strongly oppose Trump's ban, and I urge you to do all that is in your power to use your influence to put an end to it.**

All refugees, especially LGBT refugees, deserve the support of the United States. I am proud of the leading role our country has played in the resettlement of refugees and deeply saddened by this recent policy reversal.

Sincerely,