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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
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Dear Governor Whitmer:

As events beyond the control of state government continue to unfold overseas, we applaud you for offering our state’s assistance in the resettlement of men, women, and children from Afghanistan.

For a century and a half, Michigan has established a rich legacy as a welcoming, chosen home for individuals from all over the world seeking freedom and economic opportunity. We recognize our state as well-positioned to welcome these individuals and support them as they venture through immigration processes and a new, unknown home nation.

Doing so is not only a moral obligation, but also a much-needed step toward solving our state’s declining population crisis. As organizations representing businesses across the state, we are keenly aware of this challenge and see people eager for freedom as welcomed stewards of our state’s next generation of leaders, students, teachers, and job providers.

Sincerely,

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