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The Honorable Jeh Johnson  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
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Dear Secretary Johnson,

Thank you for testifying before the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security's hearing on Wednesday, October 21. As we delved into *Worldwide Threats and Homeland Security Challenges*, I wanted to follow-up with the questions I asked in the hearing regarding the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

1. There have been varying data reports on the ratio of men to women and children coming into our borders. Most of the statistics I have come across indicate that the majority of Syrian refugees are predominately males, while a small percentage remains women and children. Is this true? And, if so, what is the ratio of Syrian refugee men to women and children?
2. As we welcome an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees in FY16 alone, how are you and your partner agencies planning to monitor admitted refugees to ensure violent extremists have not infiltrated their ranks?
3. Is the U.S. prioritizing Christian refugees, who are focal persecution targets in Syria?

I look forward to receiving your responses to these questions dealing with U.S. homeland security and humanitarian priorities. Thank you again, and please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Sincerely,



Barry Loudermilk  
Member of Congress

cc: Nicholas Rasmussen, NCTC Director  
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