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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON SYRIAN REFUGEES IN NEW YORK CITY**

“Three families seeking refuge from their war-torn home in Syria have arrived in NYC. Though we anticipate New York City will only be a temporary home for these families while the state of Texas pursues a baseless attempt to resist their resettlement in the state, we welcome them with open arms to the city of immigrants. The United States has a long-standing tradition of welcoming refugees, and this Administration is committed to preserving that tradition, consistent with the values that have endured through generations. Like the President, our first priority is always the safety of the American people. All refugees, including those fleeing Syria today, undergo the most rigorous screening and security vetting processes. Our nation can welcome refugees desperately seeking safety and ensure our national security. We can and must do both.”

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