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Dear Friend,

As the newly-elected Board Chair of the Nationalities Service Center (NSC), *this is not the letter I intended to send to you at this typically joyous time of year.*

My original hope was to share with you my own immigration story, which began in Egypt thirty years ago. I intended to tell you about my father, a former tenured professor in Egypt, whose unwavering candor in the face of injustice created difficulties in his professional and personal life causing him to search for a new home where he could be free to stand by his beliefs. I also wanted to share the story of my mother, a well-educated and respected pharmacist in Egypt, who gave it all up to ensure that I have a better future. I was excited to share with you how these experiences have drawn me to the compelling mission of NSC.

Given the tenor of the times, however, it is critical that I remind you of the support needed for immigrants and refugees struggling to find and keep hold of the American dream. As I prepare to lead the Board of NSC in January 2017, I recognize that I must begin my tenure with a call to bolster NSC's resources in order to ready ourselves to face a very uncertain year ahead. *(over)*



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Dear Friend,

Please consider a donation to NSC's Annual Fund and help us continue our important work as we strive to build new lives for refugees and immigrants in our region.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT NATIONALITIES SERVICE CENTER'S ANNUAL FUND WITH A GIFT OF:

\$30 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

I am enclosing a check made payable to **Nationalities Service Center**

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NSC'S STAFF HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE READY TO SERVE WHOEVER WALKS THROUGH THEIR DOORS.

This past year, in response to a global humanitarian crisis, NSC resettled an unprecedented number of refugees, exceeding our resettlement expectations by 35% over the prior year. We have continued to pursue asylum status for those who fled their home countries and cannot return for fear of persecution or torture. We have filed hundreds of naturalization petitions and watched with pride as many of our clients became U.S. citizens. With the protracted and escalating conflicts around the world, the need for a humanitarian response on the part of welcoming countries is sure to continue. As such, NSC's staff will work tirelessly to meet the needs of those fleeing atrocity as they find their way to our door.

We do these things because we believe in the great tradition of the United States serving as a place of welcome and promise for those fleeing violence, chaos, and lack of economic opportunity. **During this time of uncertainty, NSC affirms our commitment and resolve, as we have for the past 95 years, to serving those who seek safety and freedom here in Philadelphia.** We are humbled and honored to support immigrants and refugees in laying the foundation for a sustainable life here in the United States.



More than ever before, your support is needed to help immigrants and refugees keep hold of the American dream. **And there is something you can do.** You can join me in showing some love by supporting NSC through a tax-deductible contribution to Nationalities Service Center by December 31, 2016, using the enclosed envelope or online at www.nscphila.org. It would mean so much to all of us to know we are supported and sustained in our ability to continue this critical work.

From our family to yours, best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Warm regards,

Mohamed Nabil Bakry, Esq.



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OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:

- I would like information about including NSC in my will, estate plans, planned gifts and/or tax-free gift options.
- I will contact my employer about increasing the impact of my donation through a matching gift.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO HELP US KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Phone Type: Cell Home

Email: _____

Let us keep you posted on critical NSC news and updates.

What is your current home address? _____

We're so grateful for your support of NSC. Please tell us how you became involved:

- Through board member
- Through staff member

Please share name of individual involved _____

- As a volunteer
- Through media (website, social or traditional media)

Other _____