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GOP Governor Candidate, Ed Humphreys, Calls on Governor to Place Moratorium on Refugee Resettlement

(Eagle, Idaho) Ed Humphreys, Republican candidate for Idaho Governor, called on the Governor to put a moratorium in place on refugee resettlement until Idahoan's housing needs are met.

"We have law enforcement officers, teachers, and nurses who can't afford housing. We must place a moratorium on refugee resettlement until our state can keep up with the growth happening in Idaho," Humphreys said.

Humphreys said Idaho is the third-highest state in per capita refugee resettlement. We accept more refugees than eight other states combined. Under President Trump, Idaho settled sixty-six refugees per year. Now, under the Biden's administration's increased cap, Idaho's International Rescue Committee (IRC) is gearing up for 600 refugees per year and the decision on who comes here lies with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

"It goes without saying that strong leadership is needed to implement Idaho First policies. Because the US is party to a 1967 UN Refugee Convention treaty which guarantees refugees the right to housing and public assistance (welfare), taxpayers bear the responsibility for refugees who cannot support themselves after the eight months of assistance provided by the IRC," Humphreys said.

"Considering the Biden Administration's reckless vetting and settling of refugees crossing the Southern US border, and the poor track record of the UN, a moratorium on refugee resettlement is imperative," he added.

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