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LD 2167

I am submitting testimony against LD 2167 for obvious (to me anyway) reasons. Make no mistake about it, I am NOT anti-immigration, but our state and country needs to return to previous requirements of sponsorship, making sure those coming here will not be a financial burden for the taxpayers and that they have been vetted for security purposes. It took me over two years to assist a family from So. Korea to immigrate here back in the 70s and they became proverbial “pillars of the community”.

I am also concerned about the negative economic impact of welcoming and funding refugees and asylees who would be placed ahead of American citizens for housing, job and language training, medical assistance, clothing and food subsidies and so on.

What keeps me up at night, however, are those unaccompanied young men coming here illegally with less than lofty intentions from all over the globe. Within the past few days, for example, a “migrant”, Movsum Samadov, who is the leader of the jihadist Azerbaijan Islamic Party, was questioned by a reporter asking who he was and he said, “You will soon know who I am”. To date, we don’t really know if he was detained or is somewhere in the country possibly on his way to our state. And, he is just one of many.

An “Office of New Mainers” is not the correct approach to either our alleged workforce shortages or to attempting to balance to our state from the terrible burden (in some minds) of being “too white” which is, in and of itself, a racist statement that should have been discredited years ago.

Therefore, I am urging you to vote “No” on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.