Dear Friends,

From USCRI’s President and CEO

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USCRI Legal has provided critical representation to low-income refugees and immigrants and their families since 1911. Our attorneys in Albany, NY; Des Moines, IA; Raleigh, NC; San Diego, CA and Washington, D.C., assist families by defending their rights, promoting self-sufficiency, and forging community partnerships.

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The journey has not been easy, but it has been rewarding. Our staff across the United States and abroad have found new ways to assist clients as they faced new difficulties during the pandemic and made sure they had the resources to stay healthy and informed. Our funds allowed us to provide clients with supplies, food, and other necessities.

As our children in unaccompanied children (UCs), USCRI’s resettlement clients, faced the uncertainty of the future, our staff worked the extra mile to make sure everyone had a safe environment to thrive. Everyone involved in the Children’s Services, Refugee Resettlement, Refugee Health, Trafficking Services, and Legal Services went above and beyond the expectations to keep our organization running to serve our clients.

As the world was hit by the surge of Covid-19, we were about to face another challenge, another opportunity to grow as an organization and as a team. The images that were in August 2021 from the Kabul airport, in Afghanistan, broke our hearts but also filled them with the hope and motivation to help Afghans who were able to evacuate the country.

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The work of everyone involved in the resettlement of our Afghan friends has not gone unnoticed. We have seen the commitment to work on weeknights, weekends, even spending time away from family during these difficult times, to make sure that our new neighbors are safe and comfortable as they begin a new journey in their new community.

We hope to look back at 2021 as the year that gave us countless opportunities to lend a helping hand, the time that challenged us and made us stronger as a team.

The USCRI Livelihoods program in El Salvador provides training and employment opportunities to youth who have been repatriated from the United States to El Salvador. We help them with the tools to re-establish themselves in their home country and offering viable alternatives to repeated migration.

USCRI Mexico has established an education campaign to provide informational “know your rights” and asylum presentations at shelters in the area. It also collaborates with the San Diego Office on immigration applications for vulnerable families and individuals in the Tijuana area and provides ancillary services, such as referrals to shelters and medical clinics for assistance.

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USCRI’s Mission
To protect the rights and address the needs of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide and support their transition to a dignified life.

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Additional Thanks
USCRI greatly appreciates the support it receives from a number of federal, state and city agencies across the U.S. that believe in our mission and work.

A Snapshot of Our Impact

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Our teams of professionals provided refugee medical assistance (RMA) services to 4,265 people and awarded 725 H-1 visas under Operation Allies Welcome.

Policy and Advocacy
Our teams of professionals engaged in 438 public policy issues, including appropriations, unaccompanied children, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, and other significant issues.

Lives Reimagined
Publications
724 publications were released, new and updated.

USCRI’s Commitment
USCRI’s commitment to work on behalf of refugees and immigrants and their transition to a dignified life.

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