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I was born in 1962, making me 54, born in San Francisco, CA. Married to the same man for 36 years, we have 4 children, and 3 grandchildren together. I made a choice to move to Twin Falls, Idaho 11 years ago, because I identified with the people of Twin Falls. I am, at heart, a small town girl. I have been involved with my older children's schools, sat on boards, and was involved in every aspect of the PTA, including President. My husband, and myself have owned businesses, both here and California. I have recently started my own horseback riding lesson business. I have been interested in politics for many years, and organized the Tea Party in Twin Falls. I have home educated my younger children, and I have always loved learning.

I believe in education, and I am calling on all citizens who value their community to join in supporting our working teachers by advocating that block grant funds go directly to local school districts. An uneducated child is denied the opportunity to be all they can be. I believe that public education is a local responsibility. I'm committed to the preservation of the neighborhood school with local control. I believe that taxpayer educational dollars should be spent for improved classroom instruction not for unneeded mandated administrative functions. Schools should be required to maintain high academic standards, and social promotion policies are not compatible with this objective.

I believe that Idaho's public lands belong to the people of Idaho, so I would call for the timely, and orderly transfer of federal public lands to Idaho for local control. This will provide better access, better environmental health, and better economic productivity.

Refugee resettlement has been falsely marketed as a program designed to save people from oppression in their home countries. Instead it is a program designed to enrich a nationwide network of refugee resettlement contractors now receiving approximately \$2 billion per year to resettle refugees. The program is secretive, expensive and dangerous.

### Secretive

The local resettlement contractor, our Jr. College District secretly places refugees in our community and have refused to hold a public hearing on this issue. They do not collaborate with state and local governments as required by law.

### Expensive

Resettlement program costs \$2 billion/year. Welfare costs add tens of billions more. Welfare utilization much higher for refugees than for overall U.S. population.

Our local community is overwhelmed with a never ending flood of refugees and staggering costs:

Over \$249,356.00 in state and local taxes spent every year to instruct refugee students in Twin Falls School System.

Federal Tax Funds – \$1,880,000.00 (\$8,000.00 per refugee student)

The Twin Falls schools have more than 235 refugee students and over 19 languages are spoken at a great cost of ESL Staff.

Voluntary Agency (VOLAG) – The Local Jr. College District a public, non-profit resettlement contractor, received \$1,330,000.00 debt based money in FY 2015 to resettle about 300 refugees, & asylees.

Local Health District Medical Screening – Federal Tax Funds – \$ 110,000.00 – State Of Idaho Tax Funds – \$19,000.00 “health screening provided for newly arriving refugees”

Welfare/ Medical Programs

Food Stamps/ WIC/ Section 8 Housing/ Medicaid/ Medicare/Dental/ et al

Every refugee is enrolled in some form of welfare and medical programs for a time. A small amount of refugees are enrolled for life into the SSI/ Medicare Program. We currently do not have the costs for this but for the first 6 months for 300 refugees it is estimated at about over \$1,000,000.

(The above information can be backed up with public information requests)

In closing I thank you for taking a moment to review my ideas and appreciate other ideas and suggestions as we together strive to improve the system.