



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

CHARLES SMITH
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

September 21, 2016

Mr. Robert Carey, Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 6th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20447

Dear Mr. Carey:

In follow up to our request for approval of our application for an amended State Plan, I write to express the state of Texas' intentions should you not unconditionally approve our application by September 30, 2016.

The 2016 State Plan will no longer be current and continue in effect after September 30, 2016. That date is quickly approaching, and the Office of Refugee Resettlement has not yet approved our application for an amended State Plan. If you do not approve our State Plan as amended by September 30, 2016, we will interpret your silence as a rejection of the application. If our application is rejected - whether explicitly or by silence - the Health and Human Services Commission will be unable to certify that its State Plan is current and in effect, and will exit the Refugee Resettlement Program. We will notify contractors and impacted stakeholders that services and benefits will be provided for 120 days beyond October 1, 2016, or until January 31, 2017.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kara Crawford
State Refugee Coordinator