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**Subject:** FW: Refugee Resettlement Dinner Discussion, Feb 8

Dear Kesha and all,

Thank you for the invitation. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend as I will be traveling for work. My team and I would be happy to host you at our office in Colchester in upcoming weeks to continue the conversation. We are very grateful for all the support we have received over the recent months from different parts of the state.

Yours,  
Amila

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Hello everyone,

On behalf of Representative Adam Greshin and myself, we cordially invite you to dinner on the evening of Monday, February 8 at 6 pm at Adam's home, 611 Eurich Pond Road in Warren.

We have been discussing amongst ourselves and separately with each of you the possibility of holding a statewide summit on creating welcoming communities and opportunities for refugees beyond Chittenden County. There is great interest across the state in being able to increase the number of Syrian refugees that we meet may be able to resettle in Vermont in the immediate

term, as well as a broader conversation about being more welcoming to immigrants and refugees moving forward. We thought it would be helpful to start with this particular group as those arguably most knowledgeable and engaged on advancing successful refugee resettlement and connecting to the statewide conversation.

Included in this email are:

Mayor Louras, City of Rutland  
Amila Merdzanovic, VRRP/USCRI  
Jacob Bogre, AALV  
Denise Lamoreaux, ORR  
Jessica Gingras, Governor's Office

We hope the date and location will work for each of you should you elect to participate in this visioning conversation. If not, perhaps you may be able to send someone else from your organization. We are open to your thoughts.

Thank you,

Kesha & Adam

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Kesha Ram

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