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Council members:

My name is Michael Reich, and I am a supervisor in Butler Township.

I would like the following statement from Butler Township supervisors read into the record during public comment at either tonight's work session or as a non-agenda item during council's voting session.

Here is our statement:

**"Just days ago, Butler Township supervisors learned of the federal government's plan to house Afghan refugees on county-owned land leased by the Job Corps in our township. Our residents are concerned with this development, and supervisors share those concerns.**

**We are very frustrated by the complete lack of transparency in this process. The township did not approve this and had no advance notice. And despite our best efforts to gather information over the last week, we still have very few answers to provide our constituents.**

**We do not know how many refugees are coming or when they will arrive. Most importantly, we don't know if they have been thoroughly vetted.**

**Our priority is the safety and well-being of our citizens, and we cannot ensure that until we get more answers.**

**Any assistance that county council can offer in helping us obtain more information on this matter would be greatly appreciated."**

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