

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 14, 2014

The Honorable Jeh Johnson  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Nebraska Avenue Complex  
3801 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Johnson,

According to Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), 43,419 UAC have been released nationwide from January 1, 2014, to August 31, 2014, including 1,623 who have been released in Georgia.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, the Associated Press reports that, “about 70 percent of immigrant families the Administration had released into the U.S. never showed up weeks later for follow up appointments.”<sup>2</sup> We appreciate your agency’s commitment to keep us informed on the future placement of UAC in Georgia, but despite our efforts to obtain more detailed information regarding this issue, critical questions remain unanswered.

We ask that you please provide us with answers to the following questions regarding UAC released in Georgia by October 31, 2014:

1. How many of these individuals have begun immigration court proceedings to date?
2. How many of these individuals have reported back to the government within the required time frame?
3. How many of these individuals have had a terminal hearing?
4. How many applications for relief (e.g., Special Immigrant Juvenile status and asylum) have been adjudicated, and what was the disposition of these cases?
5. How many UAC have been removed?
6. Where in Georgia are the children being sent and how long do you propose they will stay? How do you plan to safely return them to their parents?
7. According to a December 2013 report published by ORR, there were 24,668 UAC placed in care in FY2013 and 13,625 UAC placed in care in FY2012. What has happened to those children? How many have had a terminal hearing? How many have been placed with sponsors, how many have been allowed to stay in the United States, and how many have been removed?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/ucs/state-by-state-uc-placed-sponsors>

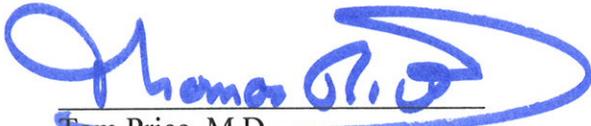
<sup>2</sup> <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e2da7d75d8654743bd5cab186931bddb/apnewsbreak-immigrant-families-ignore-follow>



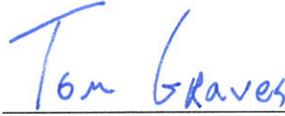
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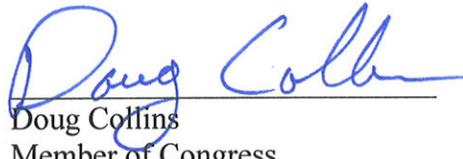
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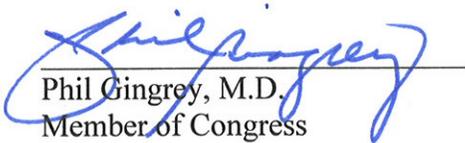
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