

TALKING POINTS

Reception and Placement 'Stop Work' Order

- Reception and Placement (R&P) programming welcomes newly arrived refugees to the United States. The goal is to fully integrate them into American life as self-standing members of their new communities. Over the course of 30-90 days, refugees establish a Social Security number, begin English classes, and enroll in employment training courses. Many refugees later go on to start thriving business, from small town restaurants and coffee shops to massive corporations like Google.
- On Friday, January 24th, 2025, the Administration issued a “stop work” order for R&P programming.
- This means that no work can be billed to the R&P grant.
- Without R&P programming, refugees who arrived as recently as two weeks ago will not have the support they need to succeed. Their access to temporary housing, food and medical assistance, and winter clothing is in jeopardy.
- The suspension of R&P is a huge loss to refugees and an attack on the cornerstone of what the United States stands for. We are a nation built by refugees, by people who fled persecution in the name of freedom. In abandoning refugees, we abandon our roots.