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I support expanding funding beyond people who technically qualify as refugees to also include asylum seekers. This measure would also enable more organizations to receive funds to case manage, rehouse, and otherwise support newcomer families in our state. Finally, it would allocate funds toward these purposes, which would mean a path to stability for hundreds of newcomer families.

In this time of assault on civil rights, we need to protect our most vulnerable. Every human being deserves a chance to thrive. It is not their fault that they were driven from their homes by disaster, conflict or other terrible challenges.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.