

So thank you very much for that comment.

As governor of South Carolina, you took the position that Syrian refugees were not being properly vetted, and so you questioned whether they should be allowed to settle in South Carolina. As ambassador to the U.N., the U.S. has had a role in galvanizing global support for refugees. Do you see that the position -- how will you be able to resolve the position that you've taken in South Carolina with your new role as ambassador when it comes to refugees? And I'm out of time so I don't know if...

CORKER:

Very briefly.

HALEY:

That's hard to give a brief answer to, but I will say that, first of all, our refugee program in this country is one that is valued and has done a lot of good. And when it comes to refugees, we have to remember those that we have always tried to help, those that have been persecuted for any reason.

I will give a personal story in that my husband, when he was deployed to Afghanistan, there were two interpreters that kept his unit safe and they kept them without harm. When it was time for that unit to leave, those two interpreters staying they would have been killed. And so what the refugee program rightly does is it allowed them to go through and vet those interpreters, those interpreters are now in the United States, they are now having jobs and contributing members of society.

The issue with the refugees in terms of the Syrians as governor of South Carolina, we always welcomed the refugee program. It changed when it came time to the Syrian refugees. And that was at a time where I did have a conversation with Director Comey and I said tell me if this is any different than the way we've handled it before. And that is when Director Comey said we don't have enough information to vet these refugees. And I said, so you can't vet them the same way you vet others? And he said we don't have the information. And that's when I said we can't take refugees from Syria until I know that I can protect the people of South Carolina.

SHAHEEN:

Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CORKER:

Thank you.

HALEY: