

# Michigan refugees react to President Trump's executive order

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MICHIGAN (NEWSCHANNEL 3) – Currently, thousands of people around the globe are feeling the impact of President Donald Trump's temporary executive order to ban refugees from entering the United States from seven nations.

According to a Reuters poll, a majority of Americans believe the United States needs to be careful with refugee resettlement.

On Thursday Newschannel 3 spoke with a few refugees who are asking Trump to reconsider his executive action.

Sube Jafas arrived in Michigan from Syria in January and has many loved ones who are waiting for refugee status. Jafas says he's concerned about his mother-in-law, who is in poor health.

"I'm sad because my brothers are suffering in the country they are in," said Jafas. "I love America and I hope Americans love us."

Jafas and several other Michigan immigrants are calling on Trump to rescind his executive order banning refugees from seven majority Muslim nations.

The Al Juboury family who are Iraqi Muslims, say they are waiting for their daughter to move to Michigan.

"We ask him, please Mr. President, to reconsider this decision and welcome refugees," said Al Joboury.

Samaritas is one of the largest organizations helping to resettle refugees. This week the organization was supposed to welcome 26 Muslim refugees from Iraq and Syria to south east Michigan. Instead all were turned away.

Over the next two weeks Samaritas was supposed to welcome 33 more refugees with similar backgrounds, their travel plans were all canceled.

Samaritas resettles a lot of persecuted Christians and welcomed six individuals this week, but everyone else has been halted.

So far in 2017 the group has welcomed 177 refugees to Grand Rapids and 68 to Battle Creek.

Sabah Estephan is a Samaritas employee who moved to Michigan in 2007. He had a message for the president;

"I don't think you want to hurt people. I think you want to make everyone happy," said Estephan.

In Michigan this week, Democrat Jeremy Moss introduced a resolution in the Michigan House to disavow Trump's executive action.

Newschannel 3 will let you know when that resolution comes up for a vote.