

The topic of refugees has taken on a life of its own and people are sharing many things that simply are not true.

**Here's the facts:**

Vision Together 2025 is committed to reversing population loss in our community. It's our number one concern, and the most recent idea of attracting skilled immigrants from all places is one of many being explored, including growth of a very successful work from home initiative that attracted 10 new families to our community last summer. Changing population loss is going to take many initiatives but we are optimistic we can turn it around.

Vision Together 2025 is simply investigating successful programs in other parts of the country which brought in a small number of vetted, legal immigrants who could be matched up with jobs that they are educated and qualified to fill. Cambria County right now has more than 1-thousand open jobs in almost every industry. Similar programs have worked very well in other parts of the country. Rest assured, we are only pursuing legal immigrants from around the world and not specifically focusing on one country or one group of people.

We have more open jobs than people to fill them. That's a good problem to have and the solution is simple. We are only seeking skilled, responsible, taxpaying newcomers to help grow Cambria County.

We are committed to making our community safe and successful and no one at Vision Together 2025 has any agenda other than economic growth for our region.

There has never been a better time to be in Cambria County – great things are coming in 2022.

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