



# Eastern Regional Conference

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## **Lubab Al-Quraishi**

Lubab speaks Thursday, August 19 at 2 pm at the concurrent session titled *Untapped Talent: creating economic opportunity for refugee and immigrant professionals*

Lubab Al-Quraishi is the Refugee Congress delegate for New Jersey, having come to the United States in 2014 as a refugee from Baghdad, Iraq, with her husband and two children. Al-Quraishi has a medical degree with a specialty in surgical pathology and worked as a doctor and assistant professor of medicine at Baghdad Medical College. Since arriving in the United States, she has navigated licensing costs and wait times, working as a cashier and then as a pharmacy technician to support her family before securing a position as a licensed pathologist assistant in a medical lab in New Jersey. During the pandemic, she has been volunteering on the front lines doing COVID testing. She received a temporary license to practice medicine and hopes to someday return to working as a doctor full-time.