

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The For Country Caucus is the only bipartisan veteran caucus in Congress. Each of our twenty-five members served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, including several who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. A central value of our military service has been that as Americans we *leave no one behind*.

In that spirit, we write today to ask you to commit to evacuating all Americans and Afghan partners.

Given the rapidly changing situation on the ground, deadlines imposed by others should not guide the evacuation of our fellow Americans and those whose support for our mission in Afghanistan has placed them and their families in grave danger.

We must keep the Hamid Karzai International Airport under our control for as long as necessary to evacuate all American citizens, Legal permanent residents (LPRs), or Green Card Holders that wish to be evacuated. In addition, all Afghans who are now at risk because of their service to the United States must be evacuated, no matter which stage of the SIV, P-1, or P-2 process they were in.

This is about more than doing the right thing. This is a national security imperative. The eyes of the world are watching whether we will stand by our friends. We must show the world that we will live up to our values and promises. We are strong as a nation because we have friends and allies. If we don't stand by those friends and allies right now, we will find ourselves dealing with future threats and challenges alone.

Your administration will have broad support from America's veterans in the challenging task of evacuating our Afghan partners. To many of us, these Afghan partners have names and faces. They fought with us and served shoulder-to-shoulder with us for decades to help us achieve our mission and come home to our families. We view it as a personal and moral imperative to do the same for them now. Veterans will support a decision to ensure that we do not leave our Afghan comrades behind.

Every American citizen and Afghan partner is in grave danger. We must bring to bear all U.S. and allied resources to evacuate them as rapidly as possible. We ask you not to leave Afghanistan until we bring our fellow Americans and Afghan partners to safety. You will have our full support in achieving that mission.

Respectfully,

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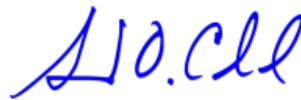
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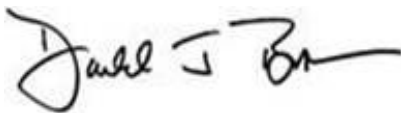
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