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**RE: Expressing Support for the Inclusion of Afghan Adjustment in the Emergency National Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024**

"An entire generation of Afghan allies grew up believing in American ideals of freedom and democracy. Our allies are now paying for their service with bloodshed." Elizabeth Lynn, Operation Recovery

It has been over two years since the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the evacuation of over 80,000 Afghans to the United States; however, the lives of our brave wartime allies remain imperiled. Legislation providing adjustment of status for Afghans in the U.S. and support to the nearly 150,000 Afghan allies still abroad is vital, and we cannot continue to miss opportunities to include critical provisions in the few legislative vehicles available. As Congress considers the defense supplemental, **The American Legion, No One Left Behind, Operation Recovery, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and With Honor Action strongly support the swift passage of legislation that will adjust the status of our Afghan allies and assist those still in Afghanistan and third countries.** We urge all Senators to support such legislation's inclusion in the Emergency National Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024 and to support passage of the bill.

Providing a path to permanent, legal residency has broad political support, as evidenced by bipartisan legislation like the Afghan Adjustment Act and the Afghan Allies Protection Act, as well as [national polling showing nearly 90% support](#) amongst Americans for fulfilling our promises to our Afghan allies. Providing legal residency to our allies after they are fully vetted is a moral and national security imperative. Congress has failed over the last two years to pass necessary legislation. Political infighting and partisan acrimony have made passing bipartisan legislation increasingly difficult, but our allies can no longer be casualties of this inaction. Therefore, we strongly support the swift passage of the proposed defense supplemental package and its inclusion of Afghan adjustment.

After two decades of service alongside American troops, there is no population in the world more deserving of American support. The nearly 80,000 Afghans who were evacuated to the United States are building new lives upon trapdoors, and the nearly 150,000 allies left behind face persecution, oppression, and, at worst, execution by the Taliban because they worked with the American military and trusted us to keep them safe. Despite their loyalty and shared sacrifices, the Afghans we evacuated during the fall of Kabul remain in a debilitating legal limbo in the United States while the Taliban hunt down their colleagues, family members, and loved ones. To correct this moral injury, we must support our Afghan allies – both those here in the United States and those trapped abroad. Thousands of lives are at stake, and so is our sacred honor as a nation.

Sincerely,

