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Ref: Charges against Abdul W. Safi

Dear U.S. Attorney Hoff,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a U.S. Veteran, and Citizen of the United States and the great state of Texas. I reside in Representative Dan Crenshaw's District.

It has come to my attention that your office; specifically Assistant U.S. Attorney James Ward is currently pursuing the prosecution of Mr. Abdul W. Safi for illegally entering the United States at our Texas border. I implore you and the U.S. Attorney's Office to drop these charges against Mr. Safi.

Between 2008 and 2009 I was a contractor with U.S. Special Forces and embedded within the [REDACTED] as a support element of the [REDACTED]. This program existed to train and mentor exceptional Afghan men as Special Forces Commando's in support of the safety and security of Afghanistan. These soldiers were hand selected and vetted to be those of the highest integrity and honor.

These men placed themselves, their families and their tribal communities in danger because of their willingness to assist the United States and our allies in an effort to get rid of the Taliban and Al Qaeda and bring about positive change to their country.

I lived with these men, broke bread with these men, laughed with these men and on more than one occasion placed my life in their hands.

When the U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan, it was done in a way that left our Afghan allies unprotected. It also left a massive void that was quickly filled by the Taliban who took control of the country and started hunting and killing those like Abdul Safi for their support of the U.S. This is how America is being viewed not only by foes but by our allies around the world, "Help and support the United States and we will leave you unprotected and turn our backs on those who risked their lives to help us". That is not who we are as a nation.

This letter is not a platform for political ideology. No matter what someone's opinion on immigration may be, it seems unconscionable to me that we are willing to release people illegally crossing the border from Mexico into the U.S. for a scheduled court date and push for amnesty for millions of undocumented workers but turn around and prosecute a man who has placed himself and his family in danger to serve alongside our Military in a war.

Mr. Safi has a brother who served as an interpreter to our Teams in Afghanistan. A man of courage and honor who is a U.S. Citizen living here in Houston. The Safi family have proven more than once their level on integrity and honor and dedication to our country. I am asking that you drop the charges against Mr. Safi. His only crime was trying to reach the United States where he could apply for asylum which, he surely has earned. If Mr. Safi is returned to Afghanistan he will be killed for his allegiance to America. Isn't that, after all, what we ask of those immigrants who become U.S. Citizens, that they pledge allegiance to this country?

Please feel free to contact me.



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