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MEMORANDUM FOR UNITES STATES ATTORNEY ASHLEY C. HOFF

FROM:



SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Safi Family

Dear Ms. Hoff,

My name is [REDACTED], I am an officer in the United States Air Force for 28 years. I worked with the brother of Abdul W. Safi, Samiullah Safi, from 26 August 2021 until October 2021. I was the camp [REDACTED] Air Force Base, providing relief to refugees from Afghanistan and Mr. Samiullah was my interpreter. We were able to help the fortunate few able to depart from Afghanistan; however, Mr. Abdul was not one of the fortunate and chose to escape through harrowing and life-threatening means to survive. Sami (short for Samiullah) and I grew very close together, working as my interpreter, in service of the Afghan people going through unbelievable trauma. We shed tears together, we fed hungry people together, we helped the very old, and celebrated the birth of new American citizens as we watched tear filled parents have hope once more. What I was not prepared for was the trauma that Sami began to explain regarding the Taliban, and how they were hunting families like his brother. I watched Afghan guests show me Tik Tok and home videos of hunter-squads, like Nazis of past, going door to door hunting for what they called traitors, which were really our US Allies.

Sami told me of his and his brother's service fighting alongside our US and Allied forces, willing to give their lives as we combated against the Taliban and Al Qaeda. I cannot express enough how horrible this unfortunate situation is for Sami and Abdul. However, as an officer sworn to uphold the Constitution and US Laws, I cannot ignore that sovereign US laws were broken by the alleged illegal entry of Mr. Abdul, leading to his arrest, so I cannot speak to those details. However, after careful consideration and conversations with Sami, I am very supportive of my asking clemency for Abdul as can be granted by US law and to show favorable consideration for granting him asylum. For him to be deported back to Afghanistan is a death sentence that cannot be allowed. It would be the penultimate betrayal to hand back a dedicate and loyal ally of the United States to a regime sworn to destroy our country, violently oppress its own people, and seek to exploit human suffering in order to promulgate their cabal. I cannot stress enough how this possibility absolutely devastates me at the core of my own being. Again—US Law and sovereign integrity must be upheld. But so must the promise of good faith with those who fought alongside us.

Thank you for hearing my position and your kind consideration in this matter. I do not envy your position, nor am I able to comprehend the immense pressure to perform your duties that you as well have vowed to solemnly swear to uphold. In that, we are peers and equals under the Constitution that we both serve. Adbul and Sami also served alongside those who fought, and died, for this same cause. Please remember them in uniform serving the US as you weigh your final decision. I pray for you wisdom and guidance in this matter, and do not hesitate to call or reach out to me if you have questions.

