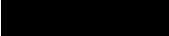
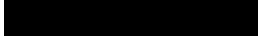
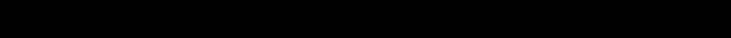




December 17, 2022

Dear United States Attorney Ashley C. Hoff,

My name is , a US citizen residing in . I am a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army and 2-time combat veteran of the war in Afghanistan. I am currently employed as the . I write this letter requesting that you dismiss the criminal charges against Abdul W. Safi

Abdul's brother Sami served under my command during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2010-11. I have been working with Sami to help get his family out of Afghanistan as they are in grave danger due to his and Abdul's affiliation with the US Army in our fight against the Taliban.

Sami recently made me aware of Abdul's situation. I know from firsthand experience that the Taliban will likely kill Afghans who helped the US military. Any Afghan who worked with the US military is in grave danger if they are deported back to Afghanistan. Abdul Safi should be granted asylum in the United States due to the threat he faces back in his homeland.

I respectfully request that you release Abdul Safi from custody and enable him to seek asylum status in the US thru the immigration system.

Sincerely,

