

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of Flanders Fields, The Independence Fund, Special Operations Association of America, and the undersigned from the Moral Compass Federation, which represent well over a million of our Nation's servicemembers, veterans, retirees, and their families, and who have dedicated themselves to evacuating, relocating, hiding, and reuniting our Afghan allies since the fall of Kabul in August of 2021, we write to you today so that you can do what is right and fulfill America's promise to one our Afghan special forces allies who is currently in need of your Office's intervention.

Lieutenant Abdul Wasi Safi served faithfully along-side U.S. Special Operations Forces in his home country of Afghanistan as an Afghan Special Operations Forces commando. After the fall of Kabul, Lieutenant Wasi continued to support the Northern resistance against the Taliban until the last flight left Kabul on August 30, 2021. With all hope of air-evacuation gone, and with his biometric data having fallen into the hands of the Taliban, Lieutenant Wasi was forced to flee for his life. He traveled from safe house to safe house, relying on U.S. veteran volunteers for aid and relocation, as he made his way to Pakistan where he was met with harsh treatment and branded as a terrorist by the local community.

Unable to endure this treatment, Lieutenant Wasi became determined to reunite with his wartime brothers in the Special Operations community. He traveled on foot or by bus through 10 countries, surviving torture, robbery, and attempts on his life, to seek asylum in the United States from the threats on his life, and expecting a hero's welcome from his American allies. That is what Lieutenant Wasi should have found, at the very least, after what he has sacrificed for our nation. Upon crossing the southern border, however, Lieutenant Wasi was taken in by border patrol agents and charged with illegal entry. He now faces deportation to Kabul where he will be summarily executed by the Taliban for his loyalty to the United States.

Given the known retaliations from the Taliban on Afghan Special Operations Forces, Lieutenant Wasi's asylum case is certainly credible and his death is certain if he were to be deported back to Afghanistan. The Afghan Special Forces faithfully served America, and not one of them should have to endure a path like this to reach safety. We urge you to fulfill America's promise to Lieutenant Abdul Wasi Safi and begin to heal the moral injury by granting him a parolee status as he awaits a hearing on his justifiable asylum claim.

Sincerely,

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