

## TALKING POINTS - US Government

### Afghanistan Evacuation

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The Afghanistan evacuation effort is far from over. US Citizens and America's Afghan Allies remain trapped in Afghanistan and are subjected to the very real threat of harassment, torture, and death by the Taliban. Detainments and executions continue daily.

#### Key Asks

1. **Fulfilling America's promises.** The United States owes a duty of care toward Afghan Allies who put their lives on the line for us and are now paying the price. The United States must exert decisive leadership by directing its own resources toward timely evacuations and processing, while also securing partnerships with other countries to expand potential solutions.
2. **Strengthening America's response.** The United States must swiftly deploy resources and remove unnecessary roadblocks toward accelerating the evacuation of Afghan Allies at greatest risk. This should include:
  - a. Timely processing of requests for landing permission in Doha, UAE and other sites associated with and facilitated by the US Government.
  - b. Clear and timely processing of visa requests from Afghan Allies. Existing visa pathways for at-risk Afghans (including Special Immigrant Visas, Priority 1 & 2, and humanitarian parole) must be prioritized for processing, with consular resources surged accordingly.
  - c. Clarity and transparency regarding the identity and roles of decision makers in State and other agencies. (We need to know who is responsible for making the decisions that directly impact the safety and security of Afghan Allies on our manifest).
3. **Deepening America's alliances.** The United States must offer diplomatic incentives and support for countries to accept and host Afghan Allies. This includes offering the full cooperation of local US Embassies and providing additional resources that enable countries to take on hosting responsibilities.