

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 28, 2021

Director Ur M. Jaddou
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
20 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Director Jaddou,

It has come to our attention that Muhammad Kamran, an Afghan national who served as an interpreter for nearly a decade for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, DAI under the U.S. Agency for International Development, and later the United Nations, has recently had a petition to come to the United States on Humanitarian Parole filed on behalf of himself and his family.

As a result of his service to the United States, Mr. Kamran was targeted for assassination by the Taliban and subsequently fled to Pakistan where he remains in hiding with his wife and daughters. Due to the critical danger the Kamran family is facing while living in hiding in Pakistan and Mr. Kamran's exemplary service record, a group of 38 bipartisan Members of Congress inquired about his refugee case on July 31, 2018. Our letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requested a briefing on why his refugee case was denied for discretionary reasons and how many other U.S. military interpreters' refugee cases were likewise denied. Unfortunately, despite our follow up efforts – including obtaining testimony in a Judiciary Committee oversight hearing that DHS would disclose the reasoning for the denial – our questions were never addressed. This includes our question as to why this discretionary information also applied to Mr. Kamran's kindergarten-aged children. Despite years of bipartisan requests from Congress, the discretionary “information relating to the denial of the refugee case” of the Kamran family was never disclosed.

We remain very concerned that a discretionary denial, which has a low degree of evidence, was previously used to deny life-saving visas to a U.S. military interpreter and his family.

We ask that these new Humanitarian Parole cases for Mr. Kamran and his family be processed as quickly as possible and given full and fair consideration in light of his invaluable service to the United States.

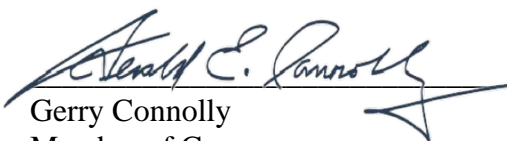
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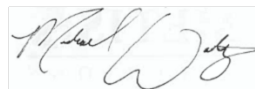
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