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Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:48 PM

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Subject: Re: URGENT - Rep. Issa

Hi Amy,

Hi Amy,

Thanks for your patience on this. Please see the below information on the cases you flagged for us. I'm also copying Jill Esposito from Consular Affairs who would be happy to speak with the Congressman.

Thanks,
Stacy

Please find below the information we provide to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs), and Immigrant Visa applicants for whom our Team at CA is working to develop evacuation options and guidance.

We have been able to confirm the information of the seven (7) families you provided and are listed below, Also, please note that our relocation efforts for Amcits/LPRs is limited to only their immediate family (spouse, parents of minors, and children under the age of 21.) Some of those listed above do not fall into this category.

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2. [REDACTED]
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4. [REDACTED]
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Regarding [REDACTED] and his family, we would appreciate it if your office could provide any additional biodata, including their dates of birth and passport numbers.

I have pasted below the current instructions and guidance we have for U.S. citizens, LPRs, and Immigrant Visa applicants, below. Please pass on any further updates so we can track and coordinate as best as possible.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul suspended operations on August 31, 2021. While the U.S. government has withdrawn its personnel from Kabul, we will continue to assist U.S. citizens and their families in Afghanistan from Doha, Qatar. We will also continue our efforts to help Legal Permanent Residents, as well as the many Afghans who have stood with us over the years, who are seeking to leave Afghanistan.

Our commitment to the people of Afghanistan is enduring. We will continue to press for an orderly transition of power to an inclusive government with broad support, especially women and minorities. We will use every diplomatic, economic, political, and assistance tool at our disposal to uphold the basic rights of all Afghans; support continued humanitarian access to the country; and ensure the Taliban honors its commitments.

U.S. citizens and their family members still in country should:

- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security updates and ensure you can be located in an emergency.
- Review your personal security plans.
- Be aware of your surroundings and local security developments at all times.
- Keep a low profile.
- Notify a trusted person of your travel and movement plans.
- Make contingency plans to leave when it is safe to do so that do not rely on U.S. government assistance.
- Monitor local media.
- Please review, "[What the Department of State Can and Can't Do in a Crisis.](#)"

Resources for U.S. citizens and their families in Afghanistan:

- State Department – Consular Affairs Afghanistan Call Center
833-741-2777 or 606-260-4379
- AfghanistanACS@state.gov
- [Embassy Citizens' Services Page](#)
- [Afghanistan Country Information](#)
- [Afghanistan Travel Advisory](#)
- Visit the [Department of Homeland Security's website](#) on the latest travel restrictions to the United States.
- Refer to [our website](#) for the latest Alerts and Messages for U.S. citizens.
- Consult the [CDC website](#) for the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19.
- Visit our [Embassy webpage on COVID-19](#) for information on conditions in Afghanistan.
- Visit the [COVID-19 crisis page](#) on travel.state.gov for the latest information.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to ensure you receive Alerts and other information

For information on Special Immigrant Visas see: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immg-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html>

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Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:41 PM

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All,

Repeated requests from Rep. Issa for a call with your Department to discuss our specific American Citizens and LPRs cases continues to go unscheduled.

Please advise.

Amy Surber
Senior Policy Advisor
Congressman Darrell Issa (CA-50)
[REDACTED]

On Aug 31, 2021, at 12:03 PM, Surber, Amy [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Mica,

Regardless of the briefing we are requesting a personal meeting with State Officials to answer direct questions about our specific cases. The whole of Congress does not need to hear every single detail of our cases. But you do.

Please advise on a date and time to connect within 24 hours.

Best,
Amy

[REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:56 AM

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Adding our colleague, Stacy.

Amy - Thank you for this information. The Department continues to request the details of Amcits in order to be able to follow up. The Department is planning another briefing for House Members for tomorrow and would welcome the Congressman's questions there.

Best,
Mica

[Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:02 AM

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As we wait for a time to be proposed for your team to brief Rep. Issa, below are the remaining AMCITS/LPRs that we are tracking who are San Diego region. Additionally, I included a request from Rep. Sara Jacobs for assistance to her LPRs that have reportedly not received attention.

Rep. Issa's stranded AMCITS/LPRs

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Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:35 AM

[REDACTED]

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Thank you, Chris. will move you to Bcc going forward.

Adding Peter who covers the consular portfolio for H.

Hello Amy,

Thank you for your email. Do you have names, DOB, and contact info for any remaining Americans in Afghanistan?

Best,

Mica

Senior Congressional Advisor, H/RGF

[REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 6:32 AM

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Subject: Re: URGENT - Rep. Issa

Amy,

Thanks for reaching out. I have included my colleagues, Mica and Zachary, who work on Afghanistan, to assist on setting up a meeting.

Chris

Christopher M. Chang
U.S. Department of State

[REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 10:43:32 PM

[REDACTED]

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Dear Christopher,

We have known American Citizens and LPRs left behind, abandoned by their government, hiding in Kabul. The early victory lap by the State Department earlier today was abhorrent while your agency knows of current cases on the ground that have been left stranded.

Congressman Issa requests an immediate meeting with State Department officials to receive a briefing on the steps being taken to return our citizens home to safety and answer questions as to the methods being employed.

This meeting is urgent as American lives are in immediate danger with apparently zero support from their government who promised to bring them home.

Regards,
Amy

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