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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senate  
506 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen,

I would like to express my strong support for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program. It is my very firm belief this program is critical to success in Afghanistan and for the long-term interests of our Nation. If the program is not fully resourced, our credibility and the sacrifices made by thousands of Afghans in support of Americans and our Coalition partners could be undermined.

During my four years in Afghanistan, I have personally seen many Afghans put themselves and their families at risk to assist our forces in pursuit of stability for their Nation and the continued safety of ours. Several of them have returned to Afghanistan as United States citizens and continue to contribute to this day. The stories of these brave men and women are truly inspiring. In many cases, they served as translators accompanying our troops into combat at great personal risk; many were injured and some were killed.

All of these Afghans placed themselves at great personal risk. They endured threats to themselves and their families to help secure our homeland. I believe they have earned the opportunity to pursue the American dream. Allowing them to do so is a testament to our national values and loyalty to those who risked their lives on our behalf.

Thank you for your support to the Afghan SIV program and for your continued support to American service members in Afghanistan. We are at a critical juncture in this conflict. On behalf of all of our service members, we are deeply grateful for your support.

Very Respectfully,

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General, U.S. Army  
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