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To whom it may concern

I am a documentary filmmaker working over the last thirty years for international broadcasters such National Geographic, Discovery and the BBC.

I write in regard to a dear friend and ex-colleague of mine who is presently in hiding in Afghanistan fearing for his life as he was a prominent member of the Afghan government and a social activist.

"K" and I met in 2010 when I was filming for a documentary following the Afghan presidential race. While filming in Jalalabad K was our fixer and looked after our security and access to locations and various contributors during what was a highly dangerous and volatile time. Since then K and I have remained friends and in regular contact while his career grew in the national government as an aid to President Ghani, overseeing public works and the Human Rights Commission of Afghanistan. Like so many, he was taken by surprise by the rapid takeover by the Taliban of the countryside and Kabul in 2021. From 18th August 2021 he has been sending me detailed messages, information and videos of how he had to go into hiding as he has received death threats and a warrant for his arrest by the Taliban even though he has not committed a crime.

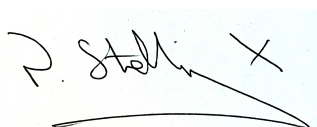
K has told me how in Jalalabad his home has been burned down and several members of his family, a brother, two cousins, and his uncle have been killed for their connection to him. He is also unable to contact and stay with his wife and five children.

I made a short video last year that includes some of his voice messages, photos and people he knows who have been assassinated. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eh1LQTGBKA>

If there is a way you can provide support or aid me with helping K reach to safety outside of Afghanistan this would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Phil Stebbing

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