



## **Immediate Steps To Be Taken on Behalf of our Friends and Allies in Afghanistan -- Action Necessary by Friday 8/13 at Latest**

To prevent the complete collapse of the Afghan government, to prevent additional atrocities from taking place on the US's watch, and to protect US interests in the region, conscientious members of the House and Senate must speak up, demanding the White House take some or all of the following steps.

- **Kabul Cannot Fall:** From air strikes to diplomatic threats to deploying Special Forces, the US can choose to either let Kabul fall even before our withdrawal is complete, or protect the Afghan Capital.
- **Air Support:** Extend the air support deadline from August 31 to October 31
- **Taliban Breaking Terms of the Peace Agreement:** Publicly declare that the US-Taliban agreement is void as long as the Taliban are breaking its terms
- **A Special Coordinator:** Appoint a Czar with significant bureaucratic power to ensure the Afghan Republic stands and the Taliban do not commit additional atrocities under the watch of the United States.
- **Pakistani and/or Taliban Sanctions:** Prepare substantial sanctions on Pakistan for their support of the Taliban and re-impose UN sanctions on Taliban leaders
- **Military Re-Engagement:** Backtrack and declare that the US will reverse the full pullout
- **Pursue The Third Way:** Leaving Afghanistan was never a black/white, precipitous withdrawal or full combat decision. This was the Biden Administration's choice. They still have a set of options that will allow them to prevent atrocities, support the Afghan Government and people, and protect US interests in the region.