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COALITION OF 35 ORGANIZATIONS PLEA FOR URGENT AID AND RELIEF FOR AFGHANS AFFECTED BY DEADLY QUAKE

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Washington D.C. –

Afghans For A Better Tomorrow (AFBT) led a coalition of Afghan American community, grassroots advocacy and humanitarian organizations delivered a letter to the Biden administration today, demanding urgent aid and economic relief for Afghans in the wake of a deadly earthquake that hit the western part of Afghanistan last Saturday. This natural disaster has taken the life of at least 2,400 lives with the death toll rising; tens of thousands of others are deeply affected by the series of quakes.

“The United States must play a leading role in assisting Afghans affected by this disastrous earthquake, which now has killed over 2,400 souls,” **says Arash Azizzada, co-director for AFBT.** “We urge quick-acting relief and easing of banking restrictions, allowing critical aid to reach western Afghanistan. Afghanistan cannot and must not disappear from the radar of the international community.”

The letter, whose signatories include [September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows](#), [Win Without War](#) and [MADRE](#), asks that “the U.S. take decisive action to help and assist millions of Afghans in dire need” by providing “critical sanctions relief and coordination to utilize the Afghan Fund to stabilize the macroeconomic conditions in Afghanistan.” The letter argues that “working to do this will allow lives to be saved, hospitals to function and aid to be delivered.”

[Read the full letter here](#), which includes the entire list of 34 signees.

Afghans For A Better Tomorrow (AFBT) aims to organize the Afghan-American community to bring about systemic change in the U.S. and beyond to ensure all Afghans have lives of safety, dignity, and freedom. AFBT is an advocacy and community organization that came into existence as a response to failed American policies impacting Afghans and Afghan Americans.