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Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Supporting religious minorities in Afghanistan – G7 meeting on Afghanistan (letter from 70 cross-party MPs)

I trust you are keeping well.

I am writing ahead of the G7 meeting on Afghanistan taking place tomorrow, Tuesday 24th August, to request that you put on the agenda for that meeting a coordinated G7 strategy on humanitarian assistance and resettlement programmes for those facing persecution for their faith or belief.

I attach for you a letter signed by 70 Members of Parliament from across the House of Commons, stating their support to all religious minority communities, and those who practise no faith or belief, in Afghanistan who face persecution by the Taliban in this extremely difficult time.

Considering the level of interest in Freedom of Religion or Belief across Parliament and my previous role as your Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, I would be grateful if you could urgently raise support for religious minorities in Afghanistan at the G7 and look to build a coordinated strategy on this.

Kind regards,

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Dear all religious minority faith and belief communities in Afghanistan,

Re: UK Parliamentarians statement of support to religious minority faith and belief communities across Afghanistan

We are writing as British Members of Parliament from across the House of Commons who care deeply and passionately about the rights of all religious and belief minorities.

We all come from different backgrounds, faiths, and beliefs and for us all, being able to freely and openly practise one's faith or belief, or practise none, is a fundamental human right that everyone should be able to enjoy.

We assure you that we are thinking of you in these distressing times and will do everything we can to urge the Government to support religious minority communities, and those who practise no faith or belief, in Afghanistan. We know that during the Taliban's previous rule, many religious minorities such as the Hazaras, Hindus, Sikhs and Christian communities were persecuted along with other minorities and those of no belief.

In its recent 'Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy', the UK Government made it clear that standing up for Freedom of Religion or Belief is a top priority. We will urge the Government to do everything it can in line with this commitment to ensure that those who face persecution for their beliefs are able to practise their beliefs freely and that they are accommodated in resettlement programmes.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this extremely difficult time.

Kind regards,

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Former UK Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief

Sir Graham Brady MP

Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP

Steve Baker MP

Rt Hon Liz Saville Roberts
MP

Rt Hon Sir Jeffrey
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Rt Hon Valerie Vaz MP

Sarah Olney MP

Dr Lisa Cameron MP

Dan Jarvis MP



Rosie Cooper MP
Janet Daby MP
Ian Paisley MP
Steven Bonnar MP
Kim Johnson MP
Anthony Browne MP
Andrew Bridgen MP
Patricia Gibson MP
Debbie Abrahams MP
Henry Smith MP
Ben Lake MP
Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP
Mark Jenkinson MP
Robert Largan MP

Wendy Chamberlain MP
Catherine McKinnell MP
Rt Hon Dame Diana
Johnson MP
Carla Lockhart MP
Dr James Davies MP
Chris Loder MP
Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi
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Emma Lewell-Buck MP
Brendan O'Hara MP
Kenny Macaskill MP
Barbara Keeley MP
Claudia Webbe MP
Michael Fabricant MP
Simon Fell MP
Mark Pawsey MP
Feryal Clark MP
Emma Hardy MP
Marion Fellows MP
Daisy Cooper MP
Mohammad Yasin MP
Rt Hon Sir George
Howarth MP
Khalid Mahmood MP
David Linden MP
Joanna Cherry QC MP

Margaret Ferrier MP
Rt Hon Maria Miller MP
David Morris MP

Sarah Champion MP
Paula Barker MP
Mary Glendon MP
Siobhan Baillie MP
Sally-Ann Hart MP
Dr Stephen Farry MP
Layla Moran MP
Royston Smith MP
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