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Mr. John F. Sopko
Special Inspector General
Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR)
2530 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Sopko:

The Department of State is concerned about the welfare of vendors and individuals who have conducted work with the Department and who have yet to exit Afghanistan. Identifying information regarding these individuals is well documented among your audit, inspection, and financial audits/costs incurred audit reports. The Department formally requests that you temporarily suspend website access to these reports until these individuals can safely exit the country.

We acknowledge that the information has already been made publicly available, but we have reason to believe that this week's events represent extraordinary circumstances of heightened risk and that temporarily removing access to reports with identifying information could possibly shield some of these individuals from harm. The potential benefit of keeping State partners out of harm's way during these evacuations far exceeds the temporary loss of access to SIGAR reports, and we hope you will help us do what we can to make the current situation safer for our partners.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey C. Mounts".

Jeffrey C. Mounts
Comptroller

cc: Deputy SIGAR — Gene Aloise
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