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Dear Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary,

Urgent assistance for LGBTQI+ Afghans today

We are writing as leaders of Stonewall and Rainbow Railroad with great urgency regarding the evacuation of LGBTQI+ Afghans from Kabul, who are at extreme risk of torture and death at the hands of the Taliban and already living in fear for their lives.

We have been working closely with your officials in London who have responded swiftly and sincerely to our concerns for the welfare of LGBTQI+ Afghans and the urgent need to create evacuation routes for them.

We provided a list compiled by Rainbow Railroad and Stonewall of LGBTQI+ Afghans who are within easy distance of Kabul airport.

With news breaking this morning that there is a matter of hours left in the UK evacuation programme, we want to support your team to evacuate as many people on this list as possible.

We are concerned by a lack of places available on planes. We urge you to private charter planes that will allow identified LGBTQI+ Afghans brave enough to make themselves known to make their way to safety to the UK.

We are ready to assist in any way that we can. But we need urgent clarity about what the LGBTQI+ Afghans on our list should do today to make their way out of Kabul.

Yours sincerely,

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