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Afghan Women are Being Heard in the Halls of US Congress

Big News From Steve

Dear Friends,

These students are incredible!!

We are advocating on Capitol Hill to build support for a formal Congressional letter to Secretary Rubio, asking for an exemption from the travel ban for Afghan women who wish to study in the US. ASRF has been working with Senator Graham and Congressman Bacon, the Senate and House leads on a letter we helped draft. It's now our job to convince other Senators and Representatives to sign onto the letter. This effort must wrap up by late May and it's imperative we get as many signatures as possible before the letter heads over to State and Homeland Security. That will take many visits from our students.

Your support today helps ensure their voices are not just heard—but impossible to ignore.

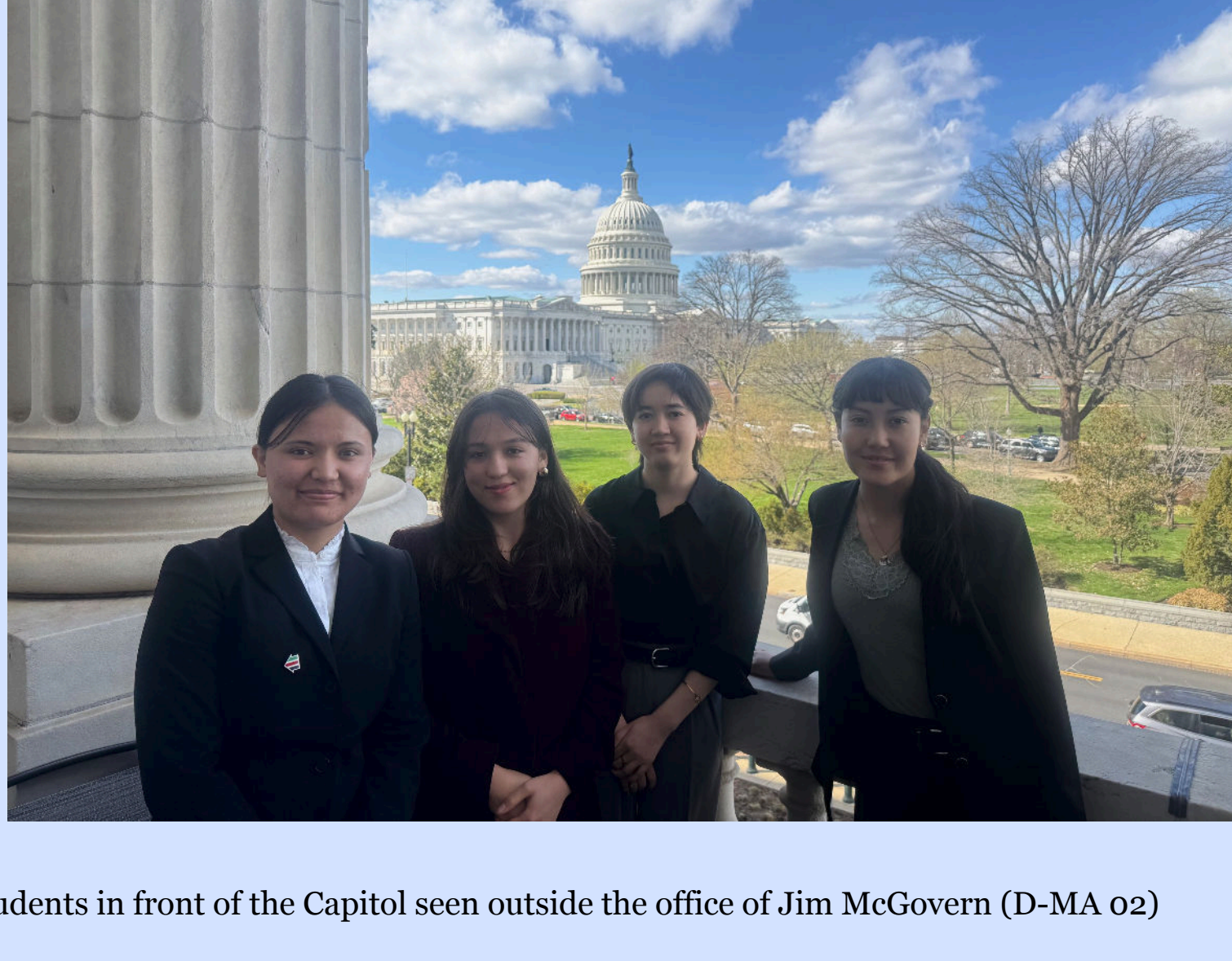
We need funds for plane tickets, lodging, food and more advocacy expenses. We're happy to accept frequent flyer miles. "

If you're willing to be a chaperone, please contact Steve.

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Students in front of the Capitol seen outside the office of Jim McGovern (D-MA 02)

We Can't Stop Now

Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY 05), Ranking Member of House Foreign Affairs.



We're preparing for our next big effort at the **Gender Apartheid hearing in the Senate on April 29** and two of our students are being considered as witnesses. There will also be a reception for our students and others sponsored by Senators Graham (R-SC) and Shaheen (D-NH) that night. Our students have been getting absolute rave reviews for their heartfelt stories, their commitment to education not just for themselves but all Afghan young women, their smarts and their excellent communication skills. **They are building support in both Republican and Democratic offices,** and gaining incredible leadership experience.



Representative Sydney Kamlager Dove gives a powerful speech condemning the brutality and misogyny of the Taliban and highlighting the importance of her bill and its mandate of a report from the State Department.

Please consider using your DAF to support these brave girls!! *

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During a Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing, Chairman Mast introduces and recognizes 3 ASRF students during discussions surrounding the bill HR 7669: **Rejecting the Erasure of Afghan Women and Girls Act.**

Please Stand with Afghan Students

Please Enjoy a Selection from our DC Legislative Tour Photo Gallery



A meeting with the Foreign Affairs Committee. From left to right, Alec (staffer for Chairman of Subcommittee on South and Central Asia Bill Hutzenga), Beau (legal counsel for Chairman Mast), and Erik (staffer for Ranking Member Meeks).



Students meet with Representative Pcte Sessions (R-TX 17), an Eagle Scout who spent almost an hour hearing their stories and exploring a map of Afghanistan with them.



A meeting with Senior Legislative Aide Kate Liu in the office of Representative Adam Smith (D-WA 09), Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee.



Representative Sydney Kamlager Dove (D-CA 37), the Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on South and Central Asia, meets with the girls after the committee hearing on her bill "Rejecting the Erasure of Afghan Women and Girls Act."



Students meet Senator Joni Ernst of Iowa at her constituent coffee.



Students meet Representative Keith Self (R-TX 03), with political science major Roqia chosen to share her story and the passion of students to speak up for their fellow Afghan women.

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Note: this is considered **Educational Efforts, as we have been invited to meet with congressional offices and committees. It's not political campaigning.

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