**How Can You Help?**

**What’s Happening:**

* **Our allies are in great and direct danger during the withdrawal from Afghanistan** as the Taliban begins to expand its influence, targeting U.S. allies first
* **The current Special Immigrant Visa system is inadequate.** The process is not fast or expansive enough to help our Afghan allies in immediate danger
* **We have a legal obligation to evacuate our allies** according to the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, which goes hand-in hand with our military ethos to “leave no one behind”
* **Evacuating to third countries could create a humanitarian disaster**, as Afghan allies would be cut off from U.S. asylum law and possibly trapped in refugee camps for years
* **Evacuating our allies to Guam is feasible.** It is well within US laws and customs, there is historic precedent behind it, and the governor of Guam is ready and willing

**How You Can Help:**

* **Reach out to your representatives** to express your support for Afghan Allies and an airlift to U.S. territory. Protecting our wartime allies is a **bipartisan effort** that has robust support from U.S. military commanders
* Reach out to the Veterans for American Ideals and offer to assist with their efforts to **support Afghan interpreters and families** should they be fortunate enough to make it to the U.S. https://www.evacuateourallies.org/
* Write reviews (Amazon & Goodreads) for or recommend friends buy *Baghdad Underground Railroad* – proceeds support the veteran nonprofit USVAA.
* **Support nonprofits** who are active in their support:
	+ International Refugee Assistance Project Association of Wartime Allies
	+ Miry’s List Human Rights First
	+ Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service No One Left Behind

**Additional Resources:**

* The Refugee Council USA brief: https://bit.ly/AfghanSIVTalkers
* Subscribe to Strategically Protecting Soft Networks, the public-private consortium that conducts research to proactively address a strategic threat with better policy tools to protect our most vulnerable partners in conflict zones.