*On September 7, the Taliban announced a new government for Afghanistan, reiterating their intention to rule according to sharia (Islamic law). As converts from Islam, Christians who remain in Afghanistan are at risk of being executed for apostasy. Barnabas Aid has helped hundreds of Afghan Christians to flee the immediate danger – but now they need somewhere to settle and rebuild their lives.*

*Could you write to your two elected U.S. Senators for your state, asking the government to allow persecuted Afghan Christians to settle here in the U.S.? For more information about your Senators, visit* [*https://www.senate.gov/senators*](https://www.senate.gov/senators/)*.*

*It is more effective to send a letter written in your own words – it should be polite, but it does not need to be long. If you prefer, however, you can download this letter and insert your name and address and the names of your Senators.*

[Your first and last name]

[Your address]

[City, State (abbreviated), ZIP]

The Honorable [First and last name here]

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

<Month> <Day>, 2021

Dear Sen. [Last name here]

**Dangers Facing Afghan Christians**

I am writing about the ongoing situation in Afghanistan, where the Taliban is now in effective control of the country. While the return of the Taliban to power threatens the safety and wellbeing of all Afghan people, Christians have particular reason to be fearful.

The Taliban has announced that it intends to rule Afghanistan by sharia (Islamic law), and that Christians must convert back to Islam, leave Afghanistan, or be killed. Afghan Christians are converts from Islam along with their children – it is certain therefore that the Taliban will execute them, in accordance with sharia. There have been reports of Taliban fighters searching people’s phones to check for Bible apps and other Christian content.

There are thought to have been about 5,000 Afghan Christians in the country when the Taliban took over Afghanistan. Some hundreds of individuals have recently escaped into neighboring countries, but all of them need a permanent place of security.

Barnabas Aid, a Christian NGO (non-government organization), is in direct contact with many hundreds of Afghan Christian families. They are supporting the living costs of Christians in hiding in Afghanistan, as well as those of Christians who have recently escaped to neighboring countries. They are also funding flights for Christians to travel from the region to safer countries, and will need to fund them for a period as they settle into their new safe countries.

I ask you to write to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, urging him to allow some Afghan Christians, as a vulnerable minority, to be given safe refuge here. Please also raise this matter in Congress at the earliest opportunity. I would be grateful if you could write back to update me on this situation and on the Secretary’s reply.

Yours Sincerely,

[Your name]