

## Postcard Action Guide

### **What's happening:**

People all over the world are fleeing war, violence, and persecution. They've lost their homes, family, and friends. This is the situation faced by tens of millions of refugees, asylum-seekers, and displaced people, and they all need safety and a home.

After the collapse of the Afghan government in August and seizure of power by the Taliban, tens of thousands of Afghans have been evacuated to the U.S., in addition to millions of displaced Afghans and refugees across the globe who were forced to flee their homes.

But from the sadness of this moment, there is hope: Communities across the U.S. are coming together to welcome and advocate for Afghan refugees and newcomers, to ensure their wellbeing and security as they try to rebuild their lives.

### **What can we do?**

We need to flood the White House with hundreds (if not thousands!) of postcards and letters calling on President Biden to welcome and support Afghan newcomers. Buy local postcards in town and write a short message to the President with our calls to action:

1. Admit at least 200,000 refugees into the US in fiscal year 2022;
2. Halt deportations to Afghanistan and designate Afghanistan for Temporary Protected Status; and
3. Work with Congress to secure emergency funding from the US government for refugee resettlement and humanitarian response.

Then reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors and gather more postcards to send to the President!

### **How to take action:**

- Buy local post cards from your local post office or store, especially if it depicts landmarks or sites from your community (i.e., city hall, national park, tourist attractions, etc.) – local postcards from your city or town illustrate that voices across the country are demanding change.
- Write a personalized message on why welcoming Afghan newcomers and refugees is important to you, and include the above calls to action.
- If you prefer to send a lengthier letter, handwritten is best for that personal touch, but typed letters are great too. Enclose each letter in its own separate envelope (so if you have 5 letters, you should have 5 envelopes!)
- Mail your postcards/letters to: *President Joe Biden, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500*
- Please let us know you took this action and how many postcards/letters you sent by emailing [campaigns@aiusa.org](mailto:campaigns@aiusa.org)