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Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Minister for Women
Parliament House
CANBERRA. ACT. 2600
By email: foreign.minister@dfat.gov.au

Dear Minister,

The Alliance for Journalists' Freedom (AJF) and Australia's Right to Know (ARTK) coalition of media organisations writes to urgently request support from the Australian Government for media workers in Afghanistan.

As you will be aware, the International Federation of Journalists in Brussels has identified almost 800 Afghan media workers (including reporters, photographers, interpreters and fixers) who urgently need assistance. The lives of these media workers are at risk because of their work for the nascent free press in Afghanistan.

We understand other governments, including the UK, Canada and the US, are considering and/or have committed to assisting Afghan journalists.

We encourage the Australian Government to add to the efforts being made by other nations and urgently consider ways to assist Afghan media workers who are in great danger.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Greste and Georgia-Kate Schubert
On behalf of AJF and ARTK

cc: The Hon Alex Hawke MP
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