

December 14, 2022

Senator Susan Collins  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Angus King  
133 Hart Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Maine Veterans Call on You to Immediately Cosponsor Afghan Adjustment Act Together**

Dear Senator Collins and Senator King,

We are down to the final days and hours for you to cosponsor and ensure the Afghan Adjustment Act (AAA) is included in the Omnibus and passed by the end of the year. As you know, the AAA is critical for Maine's veterans, our Afghan allies, and U.S. national security, and time is of the essence. The [bipartisan AAA](#) now has 5 Republicans and 5 Democrats officially on board, including the recent additions of Senators Moran, Wicker, Shaheen, and Leahy.

We ask you to join together on the AAA now, as the next bipartisan pair. This is a veterans' issue and a national security issue. In the past, we have known you to stand for both, and for what's right, all politics aside. There is no better way for you to truly represent and speak for us -- your Maine veteran constituents -- than to cosponsor the AAA now.

We remind you of the words of nearly 130 Maine veterans in our [recent letter](#) delivered to both of your offices: *"We know from firsthand experience that the support of local partners on the ground in conflict zones is crucial to keeping U.S. troops safe, to ensuring we achieve our objectives, and to promoting U.S. interests. Failure to pass the AAA now will jeopardize the trust, loyalty, and support of local partners in future conflicts. It will cost us intel and American lives."*

The AAA is endorsed by every major Veterans' organization in the United States including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), and Student Veterans of America. We are all counting on your leadership.

Very respectfully,

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