

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0305**

September 7, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

I request you immediately release the full transcript of your call with President Ghani. The American people have the right to know if you asked President Ghani to assist you in misleading them about the withdrawal from Afghanistan. It is being reported that there is a transcript and audio of the call, you must release both. You have a duty and an obligation to the American people to be transparent and truthful.

Over the past month, the American people have watched your disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan. They have seen people falling from airplanes as they desperately try to hang on, they have seen helicopter airlifts from our embassy, they have heard the cries of American citizens wishing to return home, they have seen the Taliban parade through the streets with U.S. military equipment, and they now grieve for the 13 service members who were tragically killed.

During the weeks leading up to the final withdrawal, you made several statements to the American people on the situation in Afghanistan. Those statements painted a picture very different than the actual reality of the situation on the ground. This stark difference has raised legitimate concerns about transparency within your administration and whether your administration lied or misled the American people. On August 31, Reuters released excerpts from your July 23, 2021, conversation with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, during the call you claimed that there was a "perception issue" and that "there is a need, whether it is true or not, there is a need to project a different picture."<sup>1</sup>

This phone call raises serious questions about your honesty with the American people regarding the situation in Afghanistan and your understanding of the situation. The American people and I call upon you to turn over both the transcript and the audio of your July 23, 2021, phone call with President Ghani. Congress and the American people have the right to know whether you

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/exclusive-call-before-afghan-collapse-biden-pressed-ghani-change-perception-2021-08-31/>

lied to them or encouraged others to lie to them. Particularly when your lies may have led to the deaths of thirteen service members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Biggs". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "A" and a cursive "Biggs".

Andy Biggs  
Member of Congress