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Chair and members of the Committee,

I'm testifying today in support of the intent behind House Joint Resolution 13, which rightly urges the President and the U.S. Department of State to resume evacuation efforts and uphold protections for Afghan allies who served alongside our forces. This is a long-overdue acknowledgment of our moral and legal obligations to those who risked everything in service to the United States.

However, I also testify today to call out the glaring contradictions and constitutional inconsistencies that surround this resolution and the broader policies of those supporting it.

HJR 13 urges action from the same federal executive branch that has directly violated Supreme Court rulings regarding immigration enforcement. President Trump's administration—along with his continuation of extrajudicial removals and the mass rollback of due process—has undermined the legal framework that should protect not only Afghan allies but also immigrants and refugees across our nation, including here in Alaska.

Even more concerning is the complicity of Alaska's own executive branch. Governor Mike Dunleavy and Attorney General Treg Taylor have shown a disturbing willingness to ignore constitutional boundaries and align themselves with federal overreach. Instead of standing up for Alaskans' rights or defending the integrity of lawful immigration protections within our borders, they have chosen to serve political power. They have turned a blind eye as immigrant families in Alaska face visa revocations, unjust detentions, and silent deportations.

Let us be honest about what this says. We cannot urge compassion and swift action for Afghan allies abroad while allowing cruelty, silence, and legal violations here at home. The current posture of the GOP—including the actions of this administration and many in our own state government—treats human lives as bargaining chips and refugees as expendable. This is morally reprehensible and constitutionally indefensible.

If the Alaska Legislature truly supports Afghan evacuees and the spirit of the SIV program, then that support must extend to protecting all people seeking refuge under the law, including those already in our communities. It must also include standing against unlawful actions—no matter which party is in power.

HJR 13 is a step forward. But this resolution cannot be used to whitewash the failures of those in power to uphold the Constitution or respect the value of human life. I urge the Committee to consider this broader context as part of your deliberation and to include accountability, not just appeals, in your resolution and public messaging.

Thank you.
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