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Scott Morrison

Prime Minister

c/o PMO, Canberra

Dear Prime Minister,

We are members of class 8D at St Paul's College at Gilles Plains, South Australia. We are deeply concerned about what is happening in Afghanistan at the moment. We feel great sadness at the events in Afghanistan, but would like to do more than just send our condolences to the people there. Our research has shown that the total population of Afghanistan is 39 million people, and that between the UK, Canada, and Australia, foreign governments have promised to resettle a total of only 43,000 refugees. Of this total, only 3,000 places have been promised by Australia.

We believe that you should resettle more than 3,000 Afghan people in Australia, because we have space for those people, and we think that they would prefer to live in a safe place like Australia. We know that many of the people fleeing Afghanistan at the moment helped out Australian forces and embassies while Australia was part of the NATO occupation. They will most likely be persecuted when the Taliban return to power, and we owe them for the help they gave us over the last twenty years. We also believe that we are a welcoming country with better economic opportunities for refugees.

St Paul's is a multicultural school, and we already have a large number of Afghan students, who have made many contributions to our school community. We have experience accepting Afghan refugees and believe that we have the capacity to take more.

We hope that you will accept this request from our class to increase the number of refugees. Thank you for taking the time to consider our suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

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