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Halt Deportation of Taibeh Abbasi and Others to Afghanistan

Members of the Immigration Appeals Board,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately halt the deportation of **Taibeh Abbasi** and her family to Afghanistan, and to temporarily halt all returns to Afghanistan until they can take place in safety and dignity.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of imminent plans to deport **Taibeh Abbasi** and her family to Afghanistan because the Immigration Director has declared Kabul "safe" for returns.

We strongly believe that you and the government of Norway have a responsibility under domestic and international law to investigate these reports, including the binding principle of *non-refoulement* – to not transfer anyone to a place where they are at a real risk of serious human rights violations. If your investigation finds these reports to be true, then we would urge you to immediately halt the deportation of **Taibeh Abbasi** and her family, and to temporarily halt all returns to Afghanistan.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Her Excellency Anne Kari Hansen Ovind – Ambassador to Canada