They risked their lives for us... let's take a stand for them.

Project

Lost In Translation

SENIOR CASE WORKER
ADAM MALATY-UHR
Purpose

To aid US Military Veterans, Former Contractors, and Foreign Service Personnel in how to best advocate for Special Immigrant Visas for their Iraqi and Afghan Interpreters.

- Review a typical case
- Identify trouble spots
- Review the process of Congressional Inquiries
- How to tell your Public Narrative in a compelling way
- How to get others to advocate for your interpreter
Disclaimer

We encourage individuals to conduct political action for their interpreters. Who we cannot work with:

- Failed a Polygraph
- Adverse Criminal or Insurgent Allegations

http://refugeerights.org/
My Story

John – Served together in 2008-2009

Completed Visa packet in 2009

Had a General Sign a Letter of Recommendation

Administrative Processing

Enter No One Left Behind
Visa Success

- 3 Months
- 17 US Senators and Representatives filed congressional inquiries
- 12 Friends connected me to Senators and Representatives in their States.
Congressional Math

If you live there or grew up there you can contact them.

- I grew up in IL
- I live in MA
- Friend’s Uncle was a US Rep from IL
- Sister lived in a different district
- Mother Lived in a different state

Senators: 2(IL) + 2(MA) + 2(FL)
Representatives: 1(IL) + 1(MA) + 1(IL) + 1(IL) + 1(FL)
How to file a Congressional Inquiry

What is a Congressional Inquiry?

1. Call the Congressional Office
   - Individual who handles Visa Issues
   - Local, Main, or DC Office
   - Tell your compelling story
2. Have an e-mail ready to send with...
   - An official document with the SIV Number (Interview Confirmation)
   - Copy of the Interpreter’s Passport (Main Page Only)
   - Best Letters of Recommendations
   - Birth Certificate (Possible)
   - Privacy Release Form (you will need to ask them for this)
   - GET THEIR E-MAIL! And ask for the above documents and MORE!
   - Ask when you should follow-up

PAUSE THIS PRESENTATION AND SEND AN E-MAIL TO YOUR INTERPRETER NOW.
Who is requesting the inquiry?

John the Interpreter

ADAM

My Beautiful Sister
If you are the claimant:

Name: (circle one) Mr./Ms./Mrs. ___________ Date of Birth: ___________

Claim/Case #: ____________________ Federal Agency: ____________

Address: _______________________________________________________

City: _______________ State: ___________ Zip code: ___________

Phone Number: (H): _______________ (C): _______________

Email: __________________________________ SS#: __________________

If filing claim for relative, please provide information pertaining to your relative:

Name: (circle one) Mr./Ms./Mrs. _______________

Date of Birth: _______________ Relationship: _______________

Address: _______________________________________________________

City: _______________ State: ___________ Zip code: ___________

Phone Number: (H): _______________ (C): _______________

Email: __________________________________ SS#: __________________

Authorization:

I hereby request and authorize you to release all relevant portions of my records and to discuss issues involved in this case with Senator Ron Johnson or any member of his staff until this matter is resolved.

Claimant Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________

Signature of person filing for a relative: ___________________________

Have you opened a case with another office? ??? If yes, which office? _______________

In a separate attached letter

Please explain why you are seeking Senator Johnson’s assistance – include any relevant documents, important deadlines, contacts, case or reference numbers. For all immigration application inquiries, please include receipt numbers, passport numbers, alien numbers, and interview date, if applicable.
Send the Congressional Inquiry

Send the Staffer the e-mail with...
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- Best Letters of Recommendations
- Birth Certificate (Possible)
- Privacy Release Form (Filled Out)

If you haven’t yet, ask when to follow-up.

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY SUBMITTED!
Visa Status Check

https://ceac.state.gov/ceacstattracker/status.aspx
Tell Your Interpreter’s Story

Compelling in relation to service:
- Saved Lives,
- Fought Along Side Us in Battles,
- Provided Life Saving Medical Attention,
- Helped make a critical decision in a moment of life and death

Why NOW?:
- Direct threats against him
- Family is threatened
- In Hiding
- Due to many years of service too many people know his face

Essentially it is a matter of time before they are killed.
Example Call to a Staffer...
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- Canvas other service members, friends, other family members

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John the Interpreter

Bill Smith and Adam Malaty-Uhr - Bill’s Birthday

THE SIV NUMBER

State Department

Bill’s Address

Your Number

Your E-Mail Address

YOUR Interpreter’s Info

Yours and Bill’s

Sometime Waived

My Friend Bill from Milwaukee
Following-Up

Administrative Processing = Limbo

Ask, When would they be willing to follow-up with another inquiry or phone call to the State Department Visa Processing?

Set a reminder and call them back then.
Repeat

Contact Us at