

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

27 January 2022

Hon. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I write with grave concern about the appointment of Masood Khan as Pakistan’s Ambassador to the United States. Imran Khan’s nomination of a bona fide terrorist sympathizer working to undermine our interests in the region – as well as the security of our Indian allies – can only be described as a breathtaking lack of judgment at best, and a demonstration of Islamabad’s unmitigated contempt for the United States at worst.

Masood Khan has praised both terrorists and foreign terrorist organizations – including Hizbul Mujahideen – in stark and unsettling terms. He has encouraged young men to emulate jihadists like Burhan Wani, a former commander of Hizbul Mujahideen who dedicated his life to a holy war against India.<sup>1</sup> In 2017, Mr. Khan lashed out at the United States for designating the leader of Hizbul Mujahideen for sanctions, calling those sanctions “unjustifiable”.<sup>2</sup> In 2019, Khan willingly appeared alongside Fazlur Rehman Khalil, a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) who is the founder of Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HuM), a US-designated foreign terrorist organization. Khalil’s SDGT designation was justified by the Treasury Department in 2014 due to his “close relationship with al-Qaida, including with Usama Bin Laden (UBL) prior to his death. Khalil was a key member of UBL’s International Islamic Front and a cosignatory of UBL’s first fatwa, issued in 1998, calling for attacks against the United States.”<sup>3</sup>

A litany of examples accompanies Mr. Khan’s perverse attachment to Islamic terrorism, which makes it exceedingly obvious that Pakistan has embraced its identity as a super terrorist state. We know, for instance, that the Ambassador-designate is a supporter of the terrorist groups Jamaat-e-Islami, a group that assisted in committing genocide in the early 1970s, as well as Helping Hand for Relief and Development, a group that had no qualms establishing a partnership with the foreign terrorist organization responsible for the brutal murder of 166 people during the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks (Lashkar-e-Taiba).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Westrop, S. “A Terror Supporter Goes to Washington,” National Review, November 15, 2021, <https://www.nationalreview.com/2021/11/a-terror-supporter-goes-to-washington>

<sup>2</sup> ibid

<sup>3</sup> ibid

<sup>4</sup> ibid

This unscrupulous individual also called on the United States to free would-be mass murderer Aafia Siddiqui.<sup>5</sup> In 2010, Siddiqui was convicted of attempting to murder American Troops; since then, jihadists have regularly clamored for her release – to include the perpetrator behind the anti-Semitic hostage crisis in Colleyville, Texas earlier this month.

While I am encouraged that the State Department has reportedly placed a pause on approving Masood Khan as the new Ambassador from Pakistan, a pause is not enough. I urge you to reject any diplomatic credentials presented to you by Masood Khan and reject any effort by the Government of Pakistan to install this jihadist as Pakistan’s Ambassador to the United States.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Perry', written in a cursive style.

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<sup>5</sup> Khan, Masood (@Masood\_Khan). “@AmbassadorJones: The US Government can find a way to free Aafia Siddiqui. Washington has negotiated a peace deal with the Taliban, once considered inveterate enemies. Room must now be created for Aafia’s freedom. Long overdue. Will be a bonanza for winning hearts and minds.” Twitter, May 7, 2020. [https://twitter.com/Masood\\_Khan/status/1258370550721888256](https://twitter.com/Masood_Khan/status/1258370550721888256)