



Dear President Trump,

We the people of the United States ask you to take urgent action to end the killing in Idlib Province, Syria. American communities in Arkansas, Florida, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and elsewhere have for the past two years supported civilians in Idlib province.

As Americans, we have raised money to sustain bakeries, support a school for orphans and a women's training and employment center, and have sent countless letters of hope to men, women, children, and the elderly living in Idlib. We have gotten to know these Syrian civilians as our brothers and sisters in humanity and as fellow children of God.

We commend you for expressing your concern for the safety of these civilians. Your public statements in the past have helped to deter a large-scale military offensive in Idlib that has been predicted for months. At your direction, your Administration played a key role in dissuading the Russians, Iranians and the Assad Regime from mounting a major campaign against Idlib in the Fall of 2018.

We are writing you with profound alarm about the dangerous escalation of violence in Idlib Province. On a daily basis, relentless artillery shelling and aerial bombardment shake the foundations of our School for Orphans. White phosphorus illuminates the sky over our Women's Center before wreaking havoc and terror elsewhere. Our fear is that this is the beginning of another attempt to mount a final and massive military offensive against Idlib that will result in untold humanitarian atrocities and deaths, as well as create millions of more refugees in Turkey and Europe.

Our schools, bakeries, and friends in Idlib are a small percentage of the over three million civilians suffering under daily bombardment. Over one million children, including the orphans we have been supporting, live there. We fear the day when the people we have come to know and love like family members are murdered, injured, or forced to run for their lives again.

Mr. President, we ask for your leadership in making it clear that the security of Idlib Province is a red line. So often we hear the pledge "Never Again," and so often we watch atrocities unfold due to the inaction of good men and women. We believe the louder and clearer your Administration is in calling for an end to ongoing bombardment of civilians, the more people we may be able to save. We implore you to continue to privately and publicly address the mounting crisis in Idlib. Only you are able to direct our government to use every tool and resource at our disposal for the protection of civilians in Idlib Province, Syria.

The organizations signing onto this letter have supported the Wisdom House School and Women's Center in a myriad of ways, and have worked tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of Syria's civilian population. The signatories include faith-based communities, NGOs, schools, and others united by a common desire to prevent further bloodshed in Idlib as well as the rest of Syria.



Signatories

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| <i>St. Joseph's Catholic Church</i> | <i>Conway AR</i> |
| <i>The Wisdom House Working Group</i> | <i>Conway AR</i> |
| <i>The Rev. Greg Warren, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church</i> | <i>Conway AR</i> |
| <i>Bruce Orr, Lakeside School District Asst. Superintendent</i> | <i>Hot Springs AR</i> |
| <i>The Rev. Bruce Limozaine, The Rev. Brenda Kroll, The Rev. Neil Kaminski, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church</i> | <i>Hot Springs Village AR</i> |
| <i>Black Oak Analytics</i> | <i>Little Rock AR</i> |
| <i>Islamic Center of Little Rock</i> | <i>Little Rock AR</i> |
| <i>ITSSM Interfaith Center</i> | <i>Little Rock AR</i> |
| <i>Madina Institute & Mosque</i> | <i>Little Rock AR</i> |
| <i>The Rev. Will Choate, Argenta United Methodist Church</i> | <i>North Little Rock AR</i> |
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| <i>The Rev. Whitney Altopp, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church</i> | <i>Ridgefield, CT</i> |
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| <i>Family Federation of World Peace</i> | <i>New York NY</i> |
| <i>Global Women Peace Network</i> | <i>New York NY</i> |
| <i>M. Night Shyamalan Foundation</i> | <i>Philadelphia, PA</i> |
| <i>The Rev. David Smith, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church</i> | <i>Villanova, PA</i> |
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