Welcome Corps, a new U.S. government community service program that allows everyday Americans to sponsor refugees from around the world—representing the boldest innovation in refugee resettlement in more than 40 years, grounded in the generosity and compassion of American communities. And we are working to offer services to thousands of Afghan evacuees, but would also prevent lapses in work authorization, which allows them to provide for themselves and their families. Adding their skills to the labor market would also be a net gain for the U.S. economy at a time when high-demand industries are in need of skilled labor. If professional Afghans newcomers living in the U.S. are able to find skill-aligned work, it would add nearly $650 million to the U.S. economy per year."

On December 9, Au Nguyen, an alumnus and member of the Upwardly Global Board, and Upwardly Global joined over 200 diverse organizations in signing a letter of support for the Welcome Corps, and many more are coming on board. "Welcome Corps is a once in a lifetime opportunity to commit to American communities to welcome, support, and integrate Afghan professionals into American life. It is a unique opportunity to expand our work and make a transformative difference in the lives of Afghan professionals and their families.

It is a remarkable opportunity for Afghan professionals and their families and the U.S. workforce to participate in integration and employment. We can help many more - and they can help us. Passing the Afghan Adjustment Act or moving it forward has placed some 400 at skill-aligned work, adding almost $23 Million to our economy annually.

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We have seen first-hand the generosity of Americans sponsoring Ukrainian refugees over the last year, and this system does not replace, but adds to the critical support for refugee resettlement processes in the U.S. and support for the U.S. and other countries. It is a unique opportunity to participate in integration and employment.

Welcome Corps is about more than just sponsoring Afghan professionals. It is about fostering American communities to welcome, support, and integrate Afghan professionals into American life. It is a unique opportunity to expand our work and make a transformative difference in the lives of Afghan professionals and their families.

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