

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Joins colleagues criticizing President Biden and administration for facilitating trafficking of child brides and sexual abuse as part of botched Afghanistan withdrawal

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) last week [sent a letter](#) to President Biden and agencies in his administration demanding answers about reported incidents of trafficking of child brides from Afghanistan.

In the letter, the senators wrote:

“On September 14, Secretary Blinken confirmed in testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations that there have been cases where administration officials have witnessed and separated over concerns related to such abuse and trafficking, and that he was personally aware of a “handful” of them.

“These reports about trafficking and the horrific treatment of Afghan girls are in addition to reports that an Afghan male convicted of rape who had previously been deported was brought back during the evacuation. Such failures are why a group of Senators are demanding answers about what steps are being taken to vet individuals evacuated from Afghanistan.”

[...]

“It is imperative that the Department of Defense, the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) investigate whether and to what extent these reported incidents of child trafficking from Afghanistan are occurring and to provide a full public accounting of the United States’ role in evacuating offenders.”

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#) and below.