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Washington, D.C. - The Special Operations Association of America (SOAA), joined by 17 organizations, calls on Chairman Meeks and Ranking Member McCaul for a completely transparent and exhaustive investigation into the planning and execution of the withdrawal of American forces from Afghanistan and the resulting humanitarian crisis that followed.

SOAA is thankful for the briefings that were already held for members of congress, but we believe further analysis and investigation in a transparent and public manner is the only way to ensure that Americans can fully understand what happened in Afghanistan and why 13 servicemembers had to lose their lives.

SOAA is founded by members of the SOF community, many of whom have directly served in Afghanistan. Founder and Director Daniel Elkins explained, “The Special Operations Community lives by the phrase ‘always be improving.’ Our country will be doomed to repeating the mistakes that lead to the crisis in Afghanistan without an open and fully transparent investigation.”

We urge the Administration and Congress to hold a series of open hearings on this issue. The American people deserve answers about what happened in Afghanistan.

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