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Axinn has secured asylum on behalf of a 29-year-old Afghan woman who worked in human resources for U.S. embassy workers in Kabul, Afghanistan before being forced to flee for her life upon the Taliban takeover in August 2021. The woman's situation was particularly precarious due to the fact that she is a member of a religious and ethnic minority group that has historically opposed the Taliban and when the Taliban was last in power in the 1990s, her family became a target. Her mother was tragically murdered, and her father was forced to flee their family home. The precarious nature of her situation was made all too real last September when her cousin died in suicide bomb attack that targeted an education center for women. A team of Axinn attorneys prepared a legal brief, supporting factual documentation, and accompanied the woman to an interview with asylum officers last fall. The woman now lives and works in the Washington, DC area, and will soon be eligible to apply for a green card on the basis of her asylee status.

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