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R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation
c/o Vancity Community Foundation
409 -312 Main Street
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May 6, 2025

Re: 2025 R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation grant to Right to Learn Afghanistan

Dear Ms. Mikulec and Advisors of the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund:

On behalf of Right to Learn Afghanistan (formerly Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan), we sincerely thank you for your generous \$3,000 grant toward our Shafia Education Access Program. I confirm that this gift was received by our organization on May 6, 2025. While our organization's name has changed, our mission to empower Afghan women and girls through education remains the same. Your long-standing support is a powerful investment in the future of Afghan women and girls, helping us uphold the fundamental human right to learn. We are tremendously grateful for your partnership.

Why Education Matters

We know that education is a transformative force. It empowers women and girls, improves health and wellbeing, reduces poverty, and fosters a more equitable society. By investing in education, you are not just changing lives today – you are shaping a better, more peaceful tomorrow and for generations to come.

Our Shared Mission

At Right to Learn Afghanistan, we recognize the strength that comes from partnership. Your support allows us to provide Afghan women and girls with financial assistance for tuition and other education-related costs, along with essential tools like laptops, power banks, and internet data packages to ensure they stay connected to their learning. School, even one accessed from a laptop, can be a sanctuary from the instability, unfairness, and chaos outside. It can be a lifeline. Moreover, our advocacy efforts are crucial in raising awareness and driving change, ensuring that the right to education is upheld and protected for all Afghan women and girls.

Our Commitment to You

Your grant is more than a gift; it is a commitment to the values we share: education as a right, the universalism of human rights, partnership, and inclusion. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of Afghan women and girls, empowering them with the knowledge and skills they need to build a brighter future.

Thank you for standing with us, and for believing in the power of education. With the renewed support of the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation, we can continue to extend this lifeline of hope, and help Afghan women and girls regain their rights and realize their full potential.

With my sincere gratitude,

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