



**North Carolina General Assembly
House of Representatives**

Statement to Support Iranian People's quest for a Free Iran

As bi-partisan members of the North Carolina General Assembly, we are writing to support the people of Iran who have been bravely protesting for their fundamental rights and freedoms in recent years, particularly since September 2022.

These protests are rooted in the more than four decades of organized resistance against the Iranian dictatorship, led by women who have endured torture, sexual and gender-based violence, and death.

The Iranian people have been deprived of their fundamental freedoms, so they are rejecting monarchic dictatorship and religious tyranny, as evident in their protest slogans.

The Iranian regime has also arbitrarily and brutally suppressed ethnic and religious minorities, including Iranian Kurds, Baluchis, Arabs, Christians, Jews, Baha'is, Zoroastrians, and even Sunni Muslims, and deprived them of their fundamental human rights, and has, in many cases executed them.

The American people support the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear Republic of Iran. This sympathy was manifested in absolute majority support in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 118th Congress for H.Res.100, where it noted "support for the opposition leader Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan for the future of Iran, which calls for the universal right to vote, free elections, and a market economy, and advocates gender, religious, and ethnic equality, a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence, and a non-nuclear Iran." This Jeffersonian platform righteously deserves the backing of every American.

We stand in solidarity with the people of Iran and support their aspirations for a democratic and secular republic government that respects human rights and the dignity of all individuals.

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