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American Stateent in Support of Mrs. Maryam Rajavi

On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, a French satirical weekly, which features jokes, cartoons and government leaks, published a hit piece with false allegations aiming to discredit the MEK and its leader, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President-elect, National Council of Resistance to Iran. Mrs. Rajavi leads the international opposition to the terrorist regime in Tehran and is regularly the target of its disinformation campaign by manipulated, media outlets.

The core allegations this time are that Mrs. Rajavi enjoys a 'luxury lifestyle' and has engaged in some speculative financial misconduct. The financial misconduct charges—rooted in disinformation emanating from Tehran and its surrogates—has already been thoroughly examined by French law enforcement and judicial authorities for over 12 years at the expense of French taxpayers. These specious charges have been found to be baseless and were dropped by a judge with a non-lieu decision. Calling for another such wasteful and harassing judicial investigation is exactly what the corrupt regime wants to see in a legitimate democracy.

It should be noted that this satirical weekly has a history of harassing and causing harm to people by its unproven allegations. In 1979, this weekly was condemned for "baseness, harassment and assassination" by the President of France and others, for causing the suicide death of a prime ministerial candidate by its unproven speculation.

We know Mrs. Rajavi personally and have the highest regard for her honesty, courage and dedication to restoring democracy to the Iranian people. She has devoted her life to advancing freedom, fairness, women's, religious and human rights for the Iranian people. Millions of Iranians have been brutally suppressed by the regime for decades, and hundreds of thousands murdered by a regime which routinely takes innocent, western hostages to exchange for its arrested terrorists. It's therefore no surprise that the regime seeks once again to undermine Mrs. Rajavi-the loudest proponent of a 'nuclear-free' Iran- at the very moment that it desperately speeds up a nuclear break out.

We resolutely oppose the terrorist regime's orchestrated and failed campaign of slander and disinformation against Mrs. Rajavi, and reiterate our unwavering support for her able leadership in the fight to establish freedom and democracy in Iran.

Iran's future belongs to its citizens. All democracies and freedom-loving people everywhere must stand with them. We do so today.

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