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Senator The Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Iran: Women. Life. Freedom

I write to request the Australian Government take strong action to support human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

A number of concerned people have contacted me about the brutal crackdown on protestors and human rights breaches in Iran. They tell me that people in Iran don't have freedom of speech or assembly and people at peaceful rallies are regularly assaulted and shot by the military and police, including by 'thugs' in plain clothes. Closure of the internet has added to misinformation and fear across the country.

Many people have contacted me about the legislation and government policies that prevents women's equal participation in economic and social life and extensive mistreatment and abuse of women by the 'morality police' that has now stirred popular unrest and protest. I am also concerned about the torture and killings of minority groups and LGBTIQ+ people in Iran.

Those who have contacted me have called for the Australian Government to condemn the Islamic Republic of Iran, deny visas to Islamic Republic officials, apply Maginsky sanctions against key officials, recall the Australian ambassador in Iran and call in the Islamic Republic ambassador to convey the Australian community's opposition to this abuse.

Could you please ensure the Australian Government acts strongly to support human rights in Iran and inform me what action you will take?

Yours sincerely



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