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## **Joint Statement on Iran**

British Columbia is home to a strong and vibrant Iranian-Canadian community. Iranian-Canadians, and Canadians more generally, are watching the ongoing violence in Iran against people demonstrating for their rights, with profound concern. Iranian-Canadians, in particular, are voicing grave concern for their loved ones and for Iran's future.

We, Liberal Members of Parliament from British Columbia, wish to firmly and clearly voice that we are appalled by the Iranian regime's unjustifiable killing of thousands of people in response to demonstrations for reform.

We unequivocally condemn the Iranian regime's use of violence, repression, arbitrary detention, sham trials, and mass executions against its own people.

Families in our communities are grieving loved ones lost to violence, imprisonment, and execution, while the regime uses rolling nationwide internet shutdowns to obscure these abuses, silence voices, and prevent families from communicating.

Canada views the Iranian regime as one of the foremost threats to regional and international peace and security and has taken robust and comprehensive actions to address the regime's malign activities, including countering its foreign interference efforts that threaten Canadian sovereignty and the safety of Iranian-Canadian communities.

Canada continues to take concrete steps to hold Iran accountable, including through sanctions against 215 individuals and 256 entities responsible for human rights abuses, support for terrorism, and threats to international peace and security.

Our actions include:

- designations of the IRGC and Houthis as terrorist entities and the Government of Iran as a regime engaged in terrorism and systematic or gross human rights violations under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- ongoing contributions to international monitoring through the IAEA
- rendering any senior official who served since June 23, 2003, inadmissible to Canada; and
- designating Iran as a state supporter of terrorism under the State Immunity Act.

Over the past two years, Canada has increased pressure on Iran through targeted sanctions, legal designations, and international advocacy. We will continue to implement further measures as long as Iran’s unacceptable conduct persists.

Canada has consistently reaffirmed its commitment to human rights in Iran and condemned the regime’s use of executions as a means of control and intimidation.

We loudly commend the extraordinary courage of Iranian people, both in Iran and in Canada, who continue to stand up for fundamental human rights and democratic freedoms despite intimidation, arbitrary arrest, repression, and threat of death.

We are listening and are committed to amplifying Iranian voices.

We are grateful to the many constituents who have shared their stories, which guide and inform our work. Our support for the Iranian people is unwavering. Canada will continue to stand with them and work to hold the Iranian regime to account.

Signed,

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