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In Open Letter, Former Senior Bi-Partisan U.S. Officials Voice Support for 228 Co-sponsors of H.Res.100

With a bipartisan history of serving the American people, we express support and appreciation to members of the U.S. Congress who also came together in bipartisan unity in signing House Resolution 100.

As stated in its opening paragraph, House Resolution 100 expresses "support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran" and condemns "violations of human rights and state-sponsored terrorism by the Iranian Government."

We understand the 228 signatories of House Resolution 100 have been subjected to a major disinformation campaign by the Iranian government and botnet messaging intent on overwhelming their computer systems. These assaults confirm that you made a significant impact on the people in Iran who have been openly conducting massive demonstrations throughout their country. Modern communications technology is bringing to the people of Iran what Europe and the Americas benefited from centuries ago: an age of enlightenment and a demand for religious reformation. They realize what has been denied them by the religious extremists ruling Iran. House Resolution 100 proves to the Iranian people that Americans are with them as they strive for the freedoms President Franklin Roosevelt identified ninety years ago: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear.

We congratulate the 228 signatories of House Resolution 100. As with the protestors on the streets, your voice is also being heard inside Iran.

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Amb. Lincoln Bloomfield Jr. Former Special Envoy and Assistant Secretary of State

Amb. John Bolton Former U.S. Ambassador to U.N., Former National Security Advisor to the President

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Excerpts from H.Res.100

Whereas the Iranian people have been deprived of their fundamental freedoms for which reason they are rejecting monarchic dictatorship and religious tyranny, as evident in their protest slogans;

Whereas, on June 30, 2018, tens of thousands of people gathered in Paris at the Free Iran gathering where they supported advocates for a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran, and showed 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 nonnuclear Iran;

Resolved, That the House of Representatives-

(4) recognizes the rights of the Iranian people and their struggle to establish a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran.

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