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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Prime Minister Harper,

**Re: Presidential Election in Iran**

It is with profound concern that I write to you again about the current situation in Iran.

As you know, millions of Iranians poured into the streets of Tehran and other cities to protest the recent presidential election. Unarmed men and women have been confronted by the regime's armed militia and as a result over a hundred Iranians have lost their lives. There are reports that over 2,000 people have been imprisoned. Some of whom may face torture or even death.

Iranian-Canadians have reacted to these events by organizing demonstrations in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver and other cities. Indeed, the Iranian community is grateful to the Government of Canada for its strong stance against violation of human rights and the presidential election in Iran.

Canadians are very concerned about the violation of human rights, the imprisonment of journalists, and at the very heart of the issue, the ability of citizens to peacefully voice their opinions. I believe that these concerns are shared by many.

The actions currently being undertaken by this regime now face the growing condemnation by numerous countries, Nobel laureates, and groups such as Amnesty International.

I urge the Government of Canada to continue to press the current Iranian regime to release the many innocent citizens who have been arrested.

Respectfully

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