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The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP
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Dear James,

Re: Freedom for the Iranian people

I am writing on behalf of Iranian protestors and their supporters in Iran, Scotland, and the wider UK following the Global Day of Action for Iran last Saturday, 1 October 2022.

The murder of Mahsa Amini three weeks ago is an attack on women's rights. The protests that followed, including the 'Women, Life, Freedom' demonstrations in Iran, are powerful symbols of direct action against an anti-democratic, illiberal, and oppressive regime.

The organisers of the Global Day of Action in Scotland have expressed their desire for the UK Government to take the following actions:

- Condemning the Islamic Republic's violent behaviour and summoning the ambassador;
- Working with social media companies to help circumvent censorship and support an infrastructure to have free access to the internet in Iran;
- Denying visas to all Islamic Republic officials seeking to enter the UK;
- Enact Magnitsky Sanctions against key actors and members of the IRGC and the regime responsible for these crackdowns;
- Working with national broadcasters such as the BBC to increase their coverage of events in Iran.

I would appreciate any steps you could take to address the issue raised. I would welcome an update on what actions you are able and willing to take if no action is considered necessary, and what your reasons for that inaction are.

Thank you, and I look forward to your response which I will share with my constituents.

Yours sincerely,

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