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Subject: Please Stay the Course and Eliminate the Threat of the Islamic Regime

To:
Her Excellency
The Chargée d'Affaires of the United States of America
Embassy of the United States
Canberra, ACT

Her Excellency Ms. Erika Olson,

I write on behalf of Rise for Iran (RFI), a none-for-profit organisation based in Australia that advocates for freedom and democracy in Iran, and reflects the concerns of many within the Iranian diaspora.

We wish to convey our deep concern regarding the ongoing conflict and the broader trajectory of developments affecting Iran and the region. Recent diplomatic efforts, including negotiations involving regional actors, have once again failed to produce meaningful outcomes. These developments have reinforced a widely held conviction among Iranians that the Islamic Republic is neither capable of genuine reform nor a reliable counterpart for good-faith negotiation, and cannot be regarded as a legitimate member of the international community.

The demand expressed by many Iranians, both within the country and abroad, is clear: the pursuit of fundamental political change.

Policies or engagements that contribute to the continuity of the current system are seen as contrary to the aspirations of the Iranian people and misaligned with the long-term interests of regional and international stability.

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In this context, the present situation is viewed by many not solely as a crisis to be managed, but as a pivotal moment with the potential to bring about meaningful change. Measures that constrain the regime's capacity to sustain repression are widely regarded as contributing to the prospect of a more stable and peaceful future for Iran and the wider region.

At the same time, we emphasise the utmost importance of safeguarding Iranian civilians and protecting essential civilian infrastructure. Such considerations are vital not only on humanitarian grounds, but also to ensure that future stability is not undermined and that civilian harm is not exploited for political purposes.

Furthermore, we respectfully submit that engagement, whether in the form of negotiation or transactional arrangements, with a government that has repeatedly employed force against its own population, and has been associated with the projection of violence and intimidation beyond its borders, raises serious moral and strategic concerns. The use of coercive measures, including threats to disrupt critical international waterways such as the Strait of Hormuz, represents a direct challenge to global security and stability. In our view, such conduct underscores the necessity of fundamental change, consistent with the principles of human rights and international responsibility.

We also wish to note that a growing segment of the Iranian population recognises His Royal Highness Reza Pahlavi as a credible and unifying figure who could play a constructive role in a transitional period. His potential leadership is regarded by many as a means to help preserve national cohesion and facilitate a peaceful path toward a democratic system determined by the Iranian people.

In light of the above, we respectfully invite the Government of the United States to consider adopting a clear and principled approach by:

- Exercising caution in any engagement that may be perceived as conferring legitimacy upon or contributing to the continuity of the current governing system in Iran;





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- Recognising and giving due consideration to the Iranian people's aspiration for genuine and lasting political change;
- Aligning its policy approach to support a stable, peaceful, and democratic future for Iran.

History will record the positions taken by nations at moments of consequence. The Iranian people will remember those who stood in support of their aspirations for dignity, freedom, and self-determination.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
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