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**Subject: Ensuring Accurate Distinction Between the Iranian People and the Regime in Public Discourse**

To:

The Hon Angus Taylor MP  
The Leader of Liberal Party  
Canberra, ACT

Dear Mr Taylor,

We write to you on behalf of the Rise for Iran association, as part of the broader Iranian-Australian community, to express our concern regarding your recent remarks referring to Iran as a “bad country.”

We fully recognise and share the serious concerns surrounding the actions of the Islamic Regime of Iran. Many within our community have been directly impacted by its repression, and we have consistently advocated for freedom, democracy, and human rights for the Iranian people. For this reason, we believe it is especially important to clearly distinguish between the regime and the people of Iran.

Comments made in the context of migration, suggesting elevated risk associated with individuals from certain countries, including Iran, have raised concern within our community. Such framing may unintentionally contribute to negative perceptions of Iranian-Australians, many of whom are themselves victims of the very system they are fleeing, and who have come to Australia in pursuit of the values this country represents.

Iranian-Australians are a highly educated, civically engaged, and law-abiding community, contributing across a wide range of sectors. For many, migration was not a choice but a

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necessity—driven by the search for safety, dignity, and freedom from the very system being criticised.

We respectfully encourage you to ensure that future statements clearly differentiate between the Islamic Regime and the Iranian people. This distinction is essential to maintaining fairness, accuracy, and social cohesion within Australia’s multicultural society.

We would welcome the opportunity to engage constructively with your office to further discuss these perspectives.

Yours sincerely,  
Rise for Iran Association  
(On behalf of concerned Iranian-Australians)

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