

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 15, 2014

The Honorable John Kerry  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry,

We are writing to express our concern about Voice of America's Persian News Network's (VOA-PNN) coverage of human rights violations in Iran. We are concerned that this network, which is meant to promote freedom and democracy through objective news and information, may have harmed instead of helped the plight of Iranians seeking to claim their human rights.

We have received complaints from our Iranian-American constituents that VOA-PNN programs have neglected to adequately cover the abysmal situation of human rights violations in Iran, particularly the alarming and dramatic rise in executions. During President Hassan Rouhani's first term in office, nearly 900 hangings have been ordered with very few of these executions receiving VOA-PNN coverage. In our efforts to protect and give voice to vulnerable populations, we must ensure that VOA-PNN upholds its mission to provide truthful news and does not suppress the voices of those Iranians seeking human rights protections and democratic change in their country.

VOA-PNN broadcasts reflect the views and values of the United States. We request that you look into this matter and investigate any possible mismanagement and slanted coverage of news by VOA-PNN, including the oversight of management, staffing, and content. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

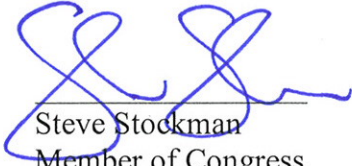
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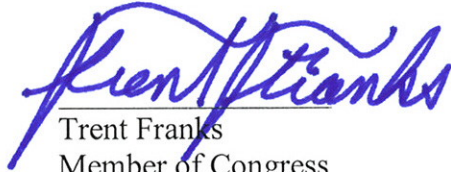
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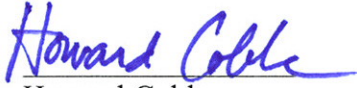
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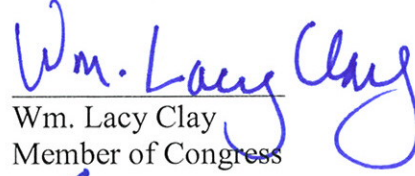
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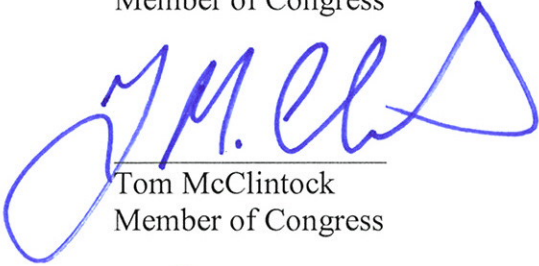
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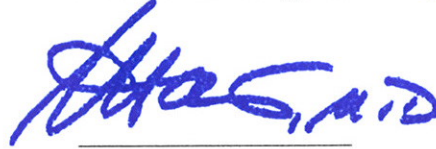
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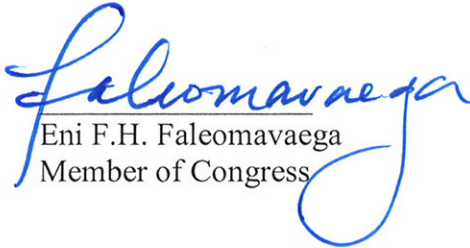
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cc: David Ensor, Director of Voice of America