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Member of Parliament
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Her Worship Olivia Chow
City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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Dear Mayor Chow,

As you are aware, this past weekend well over 150,000 individuals converged on downtown Toronto to demonstrate their support for the brave and courageous protestors who protested peacefully in Iran to demand freedom and liberty.

The scale of the brutality committed by the Iranian regime in response to these peaceful protests has been without precedent in the annals of modern history. Tens of thousands of protestors were murdered and many more remain detained.

Given the scale of these atrocities, the Iranian regime has completely forfeited its legitimacy.

Canadians have demonstrated great compassion in supporting members of the Iranian-Canadian community. Mayors have emerged at the forefront of these efforts. In the course of the last week, the cities of Aurora, Barrie, Richmond Hill and Vaughn have demonstrated their heartfelt support by raising Iran's historic tricolor flag with the Lion and Sun emblem at their respective city councils.

As such, I would respectfully request that you and Toronto city council consider following the high-minded example other cities surrounding Toronto have demonstrated. I am confident that a powerful display by our city in support of human dignity and freedom will be welcomed by all residents of our great city.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanking you in advance for considering this request,

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