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The Honourable Mélanie Joly
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Subject: Solidarity with Striking Nurses in Iran

Dear Minister Joly,

As the President of the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU), I am writing to express that nurses in Canada are deeply concerned about the nurses in Iran who have undertaken strike actions due to intolerable working conditions, inadequate wages and a lack of government accountability in addressing their critical concerns. Their fight is not just their own but resonates with nurses worldwide who face similar challenges in their roles as health care providers.

The actions of the Iranian government in response to these strikes have been troubling, with reports of intimidation and suppression of nurses who are simply advocating for their rights and the safety of their patients. It is imperative that the international community, including Canada, holds the Iranian government accountable for its treatment of health care workers.

As Canadians, we take pride in our country's leadership in promoting human rights and fair labour practices. It is crucial that Canada continues to uphold these values by supporting the rights of health care workers everywhere. This support is vital not only for the nurses in Iran but also for the millions of patients who depend on their care.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We trust that, under your leadership, Canada will continue to stand in solidarity with those who fight for fair and just working conditions in health care worldwide.

Sincerely,



Linda Silas, President
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