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Condemning the detention and death of Mahsa Amini and calling on the Government of Iran to end its systemic persecution of women.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the detention and death of Mahsa Amini and calling on the Government of Iran to end its systemic persecution of women.

Whereas Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman, died in the custody of the Morality Police of Iran after being detained for purportedly wearing a hijab “improperly”;

Whereas the Morality Police of Iran, an element of the Law Enforcement Forces of Iran, continually suppress Iranian women’s right to freedom of expression and opinion, in-

cluding restrictions on women’s clothing such as compulsory wearing of the hijab;

Whereas the protests over the death of Ms. Amini are the largest in Iran since 2019 and have spread throughout the capital of Iran, all of the 31 provinces of Iran, and at least 80 other cities and towns nationwide;

Whereas the Government of Iran has instituted a violent crackdown against peaceful protesters following the death of Ms. Amini, resulting in the injury and detention of hundreds of protesters and the deaths of at least 41 people as of September 26, 2022;

Whereas, to prevent protests from spreading, the biggest telecommunications operator in Iran largely shut down mobile internet access—the most severe internet restriction in the country since 2019;

Whereas the Government of Iran consistently engages in a range of human rights abuses in addition to its systematic persecution of women and peaceful protesters, including—

- (1) unlawful or arbitrary killings;
- (2) trials without due process;
- (3) forced disappearances;
- (4) torture;
- (5) arbitrary arrest and detention;
- (6) harsh and life-threatening prison conditions;
- (7) transnational attacks against dissidents;
- (8) severe restrictions on free expression and the media;
- (9) substantial interference with the freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of association;
- (10) severe restrictions on religious freedom; and

(11) restrictions on the ability of citizens to change their government peacefully through free and fair elections;

Whereas the Government of Iran is ranked as one of the worst human rights violators in the world, having received a 14 out of 100 “Global Freedom Score” and a 16 out of 100 “Internet Freedom Score” from Freedom House;

Whereas Iran has been designated as a “country of particular concern” by the Department of State for its suppression of religious freedom every year since 1999; and

Whereas improvements in the human rights of women, freedom of expression, and other human rights are fundamental to strengthening the accountability of the Government of Iran to its citizens: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns the detention and death of Mahsa
3 Amini;

4 (2) recognizes the bravery and right of the Ira-
5 nian people protesting the death of Ms. Amini, in-
6 cluding many Iranian women;

7 (3) calls on the Government of Iran to end its
8 systemic persecution of women;

9 (4) calls on the Government of Iran to allow
10 peaceful protest and free elections;

11 (5) supports human rights, including the
12 human rights of women in Iran; and

- 1 (6) supports holding all human rights violators
- 2 in Iran to account.

