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To the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety

I am sending this letter with the hope that I will not be disclosing any new information that is not already known by you and your office. I believe strongly in the expertise and efficiency of your institution regarding the security of the country and the safety of Canadian citizens.

As a responsible citizen, I feel the obligation to contact and share with you my concerns that may be the concerns of many Iranians who escaped their homeland in search of security, human integrity, freedom, and democracy. Being in Canada since 1992 I have the impression that the Iranian regime has recently intensified its efforts to be more present in Canada. The growing number of immigrants from Iran not only gives the regime more reason to emphasize its control on its citizens in exile, but also facilitates its infiltration.

For those who govern Iran, there is no better country than Canada to send their children to receive an education and to eventually acquire a second nationality for their entire family. To enrol and study as a post-secondary international student is very expensive and only a select group of individuals are able to afford it. This creates the opportunity for them to have the most qualified ambassadors, or I would rather say the most reliable agents for their purposes. Infiltrating organizations, creating new ones with or without identity, fostering fear among Iranians who have their families back home and may travel to Iran, gathering information, creating networks, propagating divisions within the community, taking legal actions against individuals to silence them, are several among the many ways that these individuals instil their influence.

I have the intention of making this letter public to create awareness in the community, specially among students. In doing so, I hope this may encourage more people to share their concerns and information with your office and other governmental organizations.

Please help us to enjoy freedom and democracy, tenets that are so dear and important to us as Canadians, in a place of peace and security in Canada.

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