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His Excellency António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY 10017, USA

Dear Hon. Antonio Guterres,

I write to express deep concern regarding the death sentences imposed on political prisoners Mr. Behrouz Ehsani and Mr. Mehdi Hassani in Iran. These sentences, issued by Tehran's Revolutionary Court, reflect a disturbing pattern of repression against dissent, particularly following the 2022 protests.

Mr. Ehsani, 69, and Mr. Hassani, 48, have been subjected to torture and unjust charges, violating their basic human rights and Iran's obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). As a signatory to the ICCPR, the Iranian regime must uphold the right to life and provide fair trials, yet it continues to violate these principles.

I urge the United Nations, especially your office and the Human Rights Council, to strongly condemn these death sentences and take immediate diplomatic action to prevent the executions of Mr. Ehsani and Mr. Hassani. It is crucial to secure the release of all political prisoners in Iran and to initiate an international fact-finding mission to investigate prison conditions for political detainees.

This is an urgent opportunity for the UN to reaffirm its commitment to human rights and hold the Iranian regime accountable for its violations.

Regards,

Hon. Judy Sgro, MP, P.C.

