

Ambassador Sam Brownback, Change Iran Coalition call for human rights, religious liberty in Iran

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WASHINGTON — Ambassador Sam Brownback and the Change Iran Coalition offer the following statement expressing their support for human rights in Iran:

"The regime ruling Iran today is an illegitimate theocracy that oppresses its own people and threatens Christians, Jews, and other believers throughout the Middle East. This authoritarian dictatorship denies basic human rights to Iranians and serves as the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism.

"Religious Persecution and Human Suffering: Under the ruling mullahs, Iranian Christians face imprisonment, torture, and death for their faith. Bahai believers, Sunni Muslims, Jews, and Zoroastrians endure systematic persecution. The Iranian people cannot worship freely, speak openly, or choose their leaders in meaningful elections. All candidates are hand-picked by the clerical regime to ensure continued oppression.

"Funding Terror, Not Prosperity: Instead of using Iran's oil wealth to care for their people, the mullahs fund Hamas terrorists in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and militant groups across Iraq, Syria, and Yemen. Iranian-backed forces have killed American soldiers and threaten our allies, including Israel. The regime's support for terrorism has destabilized the entire Middle East and brought suffering to millions.

"The Nuclear Threat: Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons represents an existential threat to America, Israel, and the free world. A nuclear-armed Iranian regime would embolden terrorists globally and could trigger nuclear warfare in the Middle East. We cannot allow this radical theocracy to obtain the world's most dangerous weapons.

"As Americans who cherish freedom and faith, we must act decisively:

"First, America must support the Iranian people in their efforts toward regime change in Iran. We should back the brave Iranian people who risk their lives protesting for freedom, just as we did the Solidarity Movement in Poland in the 1980s. Our government should provide maximum support—diplomatic, economic, and technological—to help Iranians overthrow their oppressors and establish a government that respects human rights and religious liberty.

"Second, America must prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons by all means necessary. This includes the strongest possible economic sanctions, support for Israeli

and allied military capabilities, and maintaining the credible threat of American military action. We cannot allow Iran to join the nuclear club—the stakes are too high for America, Israel, and the world.

"The time for half-measures is over. Iran's regime threatens everything we hold dear: religious freedom, human dignity, and peace in the Middle East. We call on our elected leaders to take bold action now, before it's too late."

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Former Senator Sam Brownback has invited several activists to join a Change Iran Coalition that supports the people of Iran in their efforts to remove the 40-year totalitarian dictators of Iran.