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Mr. John C. Demers  
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Dear Assistant Attorney General Demers,

I am writing to you because one of my constituents brought to my attention that the Department of Justice (DOJ) arrested and charged Kaveh Lotfolah Afrasiabi on January 18th with acting and conspiring to act as an unregistered agent of Iran's government, in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). I believe this action by the DOJ was the right one to take and I applaud you and members of your team for taking this action.

Sadly, there are many more individuals like this who are posing as academics and researchers. These individuals should be considered a National Security threat. I fully support your efforts and I would like to see your office continue identifying, arresting and charging Iranian nationals in violation of FARA.

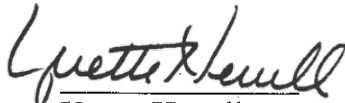
The DOJ must do more to confront this threat. I recommend DOJ:

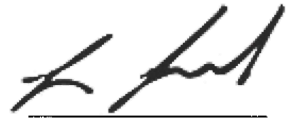
- Create a special task force to identify, track and arrest other Iranian Nationals who are in violation of FARA.
- Increase the budget of the National Security Division so they dedicate more resources to FARA cases.
- Appoint a Special FBI Agent in Charge to focus solely on FARA violations and work in collaboration with a DOJ Special Task Force.
- Create a list of potential FARA violations and publish them in the same fashion of a "FBI Most Wanted" and publish a list of the top 10 FARA violators.
- Investigate why Iran unfreezes assets of Iranian American journalists who provide favorable media coverage to the regime and increase FARA violation penalty.


- Investigate and monitor groups, charities and think tanks that get funding from the US government to ensure American taxpayer money does not directly or indirectly go to those who are Islamic Republic agents and lobbyists.


Thank you for your attention to this letter. I look forward to having a conversation with you regarding this topic.


Sincerely,

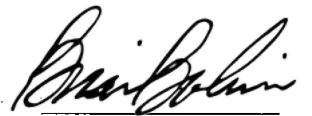
  
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