

Leader McCarthy

"I'm happy to be with you today to stand in support of a free and democratic Iran.

The oppressive regime in Tehran and its new president has a history of suppressing freedom of speech, supporting terrorism, and seeking nuclear weapons. To the families who have lost loved ones in opposing this regime, I am sorry for your loss, and I share your concerns.

But I have also hope.

Hope that America -- along with you and our allies -- will see a democratic Iran that protects free speech and the rights of all people.

Hope that the dark days of fear under the Supreme Leader will subside, as Iran blossoms into a responsible democratic nation.

Imagine it. A free Iran.

Thank you for striving to make this goal a reality in our lifetime. Together, it can be done."