

Congressman Dean Phillips (D-MN)

Dear My Friends,

Dear Madam President,

I stand with all of you for a Free Iran.

My name is Dean Phillips and I represent Minnesota's Third Congressional District.

I am happy to join you today at this year's "Free Iran Conference", to once again express my support for a free and democratic Iran.

The Iranian regime has, for forty years, suppressed its people and exported its brand of fundamentalism and terrorism with impunity.

I am an original cosponsor of House Resolution 118 because the Iranian people have been deprived of fundamental freedoms for far too long.

The Iranian people deserve the right to vote, to be confident that elections are free and fair, and to experience gender, religious, and ethnic equality.

I join you today to call for a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear republic of Iran. The United States Congress has shown on many occasions that it stands with the Iranian people, and I am proud to be one of the Members of Congress who have supported and will continue to support meaningful change in Iran.

A democratic Iran is the key to prosperity for Iranians and others in the region. Thank you again for inviting me to address your global conference,

and I wish you all a day when you can hold this conference in Iran.