

## **The Honorable French Hill**

### **Free Iran Global Summit 2021**

- Hello to all of you participating in the 2021 Free Iran Global Summit. I am honored to participate in this year's summit in support of a democratic and free Iran.
- For the past four decades, the people of Iran have lived under the brutal dictatorship of the Ayatollahs in Tehran.
- The Ayatollahs, the Mullahs, and the Iranian military are all profiting at the expense of ordinary Iranian citizens who have shown their longing for a government that respects the rule of law and supports people over international terrorists.
- The Iranian people are rightfully calling for accountability.
- No one should live under tyranny and be exploited by their government.
- The Iranian people want change and have been advocating for freedom and democracy.
- Sadly, thousands have been killed and millions imprisoned because of their views and their efforts to promote human rights and dignity.
- This behavior should not be tolerated, and I condemn the actions of this tyrannical regime.

- I stand with the people of Iran.
- America stands with the people of Iran.
- This Congress, I am a proud co-sponsor of H.Res.118 which expresses support for the people of Iran who are engaged in legitimate and peaceful protests against the Iranian regime.
- Freedom and democracy in Iran are achievable and I commend the Organization of Iranian American Communities for your work toward achieving a democratic and free Iran.
- America stands for freedom, and I stand with the people of Iran as they peacefully protest in their streets demanding the basic freedoms we often take for granted here in the United States.