

## **Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)**

To all those gathered at the free, secular, nonnuclear and republican Iran conference that's being held, this is United States Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis and I wanted to thank you for coming together to advocate for a free Iran.

What happened in this election was very disturbing to not only those who want a free Iran but to those all around the world that care about liberty and human rights. The election of Raisi as somebody who has United States sanctions against him, as someone who's responsible for the death of thousands of Iranians who were just advocating for their own rights and freedom, is very disturbing. And so we need to continue to join together to demand that Iran hold free and fair elections, that they release United States hostages, that they improve human rights and certainly that the Biden administration does not reenter any Iranian deal or lift sanctions unless they're going to come to the table with good faith. And we will continue as members of the Foreign Affairs Committee to advocate for this.

As a member of this committee, I have been at the forefront of cosponsoring legislation and resolutions that would do just this. So thank you so much for being a part of this effort and movement. I thank you all for your support and I look forward to continuing to work together.