

**Video Message by
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Hi, I'm Senator Maggie Hassan from New Hampshire. I'm sorry that we couldn't gather together in person, but welcome to the international convention for a free Iran. The Iranian American community has made such important contributions in a whole host of fields and studies show the potential that can be unleashed and the power of what's possible when we honor the freedom and dignity of all people.

I want to thank everyone here for the work to support the Iranian people and for advocating for their dignity and freedom. I'm proud to call myself an ally and friend in this fight for freedom. And as evidenced by the bipartisan support of this conference, democrats and republicans join in solidarity with all of you.

I'll continue supporting an American foreign policy that pushes for human rights and stands with democrat movements in repressive countries. The regime in Tehran must be held accountable for treating women as second-class citizens. And for persecuting human rights advocates, journalists and ethnic minorities. And it specially needs to be held accountable for continuing to support terrorism.

I look forward to working with all of you and with the Biden administration to advance a brighter future for the Iranian people. Thank you again to everyone here.