

Video Message by
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I'm senator Roy Blunt, I'm honored to join you today by video to support all of those who stand for a free and democratic Iran. The current regime in Iran as you all know is not simply sustainable nor an effective option for the Iranian people.

Safety and protections are the fundamental service a government should provide to its citizens, but the ayatollah and his enablers continue to deny the Iranian people basic political, religious or social freedoms including the basic right to life itself.

Iranian authorities conduct unimaginable horrors especially against those who dared to speak the truth. These abuses have to stop. The Iranian regime's brutal suppressions are tied to another basic principle government, the fundamental right of citizens to determine who they are governed by and to elect leaders who support their beliefs and their well-being.

This is not happening in Iran today. By stifling dissent and holding these sham elections, the Iranian governments revealing the truth. Its deeply afraid of its own people, and the power of ordinary citizen have when allowed to speak up and demand a different future. I'm encouraged by the protests that have taken place in recent years that reflect these principles of life. I hope we can see them continue.

I truly believe its possible to achieve a better free government in Iran. I believe we have to continue to hold the Iranian regime accountable for its abuses at home and its aggressive actions around the world. Everyday the regime continues its missile development, support for terrorism, nuclear enrichment and weapons trafficking, we are less safe than we were the day before. I'm proud of the leadership the United States has taken in the last administration to hold this regime accountable for its crimes. And I'll continue to urge president Biden to take this approach as well. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak today and support freedom, stability and democracy. You can be sure that I'll continue to call across the US government to advance these principles.