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Julian A. Gold, M.D., Mayor

April 13, 2023

The Honorable Ted Lieu
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: H.Res.100 – House Resolution in Support of a Democratic, Secular and Nonnuclear Republic of Iran - **OPPOSE**

Representative Lieu:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I urge you to **oppose** H.Res.100, a resolution ostensibly in support of a democratic Iran. Our opposition to this resolution centers on the bill's multiple positive references to Maryam Rajavi and the resistance movement she leads, the People's Mujahedeen of Iran, also known as the Mujahedin-e Khalq or MEK.

We believe that an organization that was listed as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the United States until 2012, and has been alleged to operate like a cult, should not be associated with Iranian civilians fighting for a secular, democratic Iran. Moreover, linking the democratic resistance movement with an organization that fought side-by-side with Saddam Hussein's military during the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s is a disservice to the peaceful demonstrations led by every-day men and women against the mullah regime in Tehran. Finally, we urge Congress to adopt bold steps in support of the Iranian struggle for democracy while avoiding individuals and organizations whose legitimacy both inside and outside Iran is highly suspect.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our views with you on this important and timely matter.

Sincerely,

Julian A. Gold, M.D.
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills