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Dear Ambassador,

Nasrin Sotoudeh, a prominent Iranian human rights lawyer, journalist, and human rights defender, has dedicated her life to defending women's rights and speaking out against the death penalty. She was arrested at her home on June 13, 2018 and unjustly sentenced to a total of 38 years in prison and 148 lashes following two grossly unfair trials. This is the harshest sentence Amnesty International has documented against a human rights defender in Iran in recent years.

We urge the Iranian government to release Nasrin Sotoudeh immediately and unconditionally. She is a prisoner of conscience, jailed solely for her peaceful human rights work. Pending her release, please ensure that she has regular contact with her family and a lawyer of her own choice. We also urge the Iranian government to stop criminalizing the work of women's rights defenders, including those who peacefully protest against forced hijab, and to abolish forced hijab laws.

Sincerely,

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