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Dear Friends,

As the Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, I welcome you all to the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts for Justice88 Campaign's commemoration ceremony, which seeks to bring public attention to the systematic human rights violations that have occurred in Iran.

Tonight's commemoration ceremony reminds us of the historical suffering endured by those affected, as we endeavor to achieve peace and reconciliation for the people of Iran, and a stable and prosperous future for all of its citizens. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to those families whose lives have been negatively impacted, and commend the work of those courageous human rights activists who continue to advocate for the people of Iran. We will never forget the atrocities that took place against the Iranian people during those five months in 1988, but I am proud that on June 5th, 2013, Parliament received unanimous and cross-party consent to recognize the massacre of political prisoners in Iran.

I would like to thank the Justice88 Campaign for organizing this commemoration, and recognize the many contributions Iranian-Canadians have made, and continue to make, to Canada's landscape. On behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada and our Parliamentary Caucus, I stand with all those here today, and across the country, as we reflect on the importance of this ceremony.

Sincerely,

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