

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

July 28, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As co-chairs of the Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus (IHRDC), we are writing to you on an urgent matter that took place in Iraq. On July 28, 2009, Camp Ashraf was attacked by Iraqi security forces. Based on video evidence and available media reports, tear gas, batons and other suppressive apparatus were used. The Ashraf residents have been beaten, injured, and arrested.

The Ashraf residents are “protected persons” under the Fourth Geneva Convention. The IHRDC has previously reiterated the rights of the Ashraf residents under international law. This attack upon them not only violates international law but also basic human rights. In concert with the United Nations, the European Parliament, Amnesty International, and other legal and humanitarian bodies, we would like to remind you of the obligations of our government and the Iraqi government.

The IHRDC caucus condemns the actions of the Iraqi government. In light of these actions, we urge you to immediately ensure the safety and security of Ashraf and its residents before a humanitarian catastrophe occurs.

Sincerely,



BOB FILNER  
Member of Congress



DANA ROHRABACHER  
Member of Congress