RELEASE NASRIN SOTOUDEH NOW

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Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned about human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh, a mother of two young children. She is serving a six-year sentence, simply for her peaceful work as a lawyer. She is a prisoner of conscience and should be released immediately.

Nasrin Sotoudeh has been held in Evin Prison in Tehran since her arrest on 4 September 2010, including a lengthy period in solitary confinement. Her health has also been weakened by hunger strikes held in protest against her arrest and detention conditions.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Nasrin Sotoudeh, on the grounds that she has been imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression and association.

Yours sincerely,

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