

*In open letter to Secretary Clinton,*

# 890 Faith Community Leaders in the U.S. Urge Delisting of MEK, Iran's Main Opposition

"Over the past six months there has been increasing political support in the United States for the removal of the MEK from the FTO list. For a much longer period there has been support from faith communities in the United States and around the world to delist MEK."

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## **Highlights from the Letter:**

- ❑ The religious leaders referred to "Iran's main opposition, the Mujahedin-e-Khalq (MEK)," as "an inspiration to, and instrumental player in, the pro-democracy movement in Iran due to its commitment to freedom."
- ❑ In diametric opposition to the ruling theocracy, the group espouses a tolerant and egalitarian Islam, which advocates gender equality and equality before the law for all religious and ethnic minorities.
- ❑ MEK seeks a non-nuclear Iran, at peace with all its neighbors.
- ❑ Over 100 bipartisan Members of the House of Representatives, and other prominent American politicians, in unison with 3500 Parliamentarians and the highest courts in Europe, have conveyed the message that we should remove the MEK from the State Department's Foreign Terrorist Organizations list.
- ❑ This designation provides the Iranian government with the justification to commit heinous atrocities.

Signatories, including distinguished rabbis, archbishops, bishops, archdeacons, senior or chief pastors, and senior ministers, represent churches and major religious denominations in California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.