

Rep. Ruben Gallegos:

Thank you, thank you, Madam Chair, and President Rajavi, thank you also for having us and for all the work that you're doing to extend liberty. You know, it has been quite inspiring seeing the women of Iran standing up for freedom and liberty, and it reminds me that no matter what society we look at, no matter what culture, no matter what religion, people by nature want to be free.

They want to be able to determine their own lives and they do not want to have the heavy hand of government to tell them how to live every day. It has been a hard road obviously for the people of Iran but every day I see these young men and women, especially young women that are out there risking their lives. Even making schools no longer a safe place for them because they're being poisoned there, or even going to the streets and finding themselves being shot at purposely to be blinded.

But we, and I say we, the people on this day and many other members are here in support. We'll continue to be in support of the people of Iran because like them, we believe in freedom, and we believe that people that want to be free should be free and I'm glad to be here.

Thank you.