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### Iran Lawyer Jailed for Defending Women's Rights

Dear Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing in support of women's rights lawyer and activist, Nasrin Sotoudeh, who is currently detained at Evin prison in Tehran on charges of "spreading propaganda against the system" and "gathering and colluding to commit crimes of national security".

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International that Ms. Sotoudeh is currently facing a possible prison sentence of five years as a consequence of her amicable work defending women who have been prosecuted for peacefully protesting the practice of compulsory veiling in Iran.

We strongly believe that you have a responsibility to investigate these reports and take action to facilitate the unconditional release of Nasrin Sotoudeh from prison, and to ensure that upon her release she is given access to her family as well as a lawyer of her choosing and furthermore to ensure that all lawyers practicing within your judiciary are given opportunity to exercise their rights of freedom of expression and to take part in public discussion of matter concerning the law, the administration of justice and the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: General Prosecutor Nestor Humberto Martinez, Ambassador Nicolás Lloreda Ricaurte,  
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