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## **SDA STATEMENT ON AHOO DARYAEI, VICTIM OF IRANIAN REPRESSION**

The Social Democrats of America (*SDA*) proudly stand in support of Ahoon Daryaei, a courageous young Iranian woman who has become yet another victim of Iran's oppressive theocratic patriarchy. Confronted on her college campus by Iran's morality police for allegedly not wearing her mandatory hijab "correctly," Ms. Daryaei boldly took off her hijab, stripped down to her underwear, and walked confidently across campus—a powerful act of defiance.

Following this brave stand, Ms. Daryaei was immediately detained, and her current whereabouts and condition are unknown. The SDA fears she may face the same brutal fate as Mahsa Amini, who was tortured and killed for not conforming to Iran's strict hijab laws, as well as the recent tragedy of a 16-year-old girl who was accosted on a public bus for not wearing a hijab and later died under suspicious circumstances.

The SDA calls on Iran to urgently disclose Ms. Daryaei's status and location and, if she is still alive, to release her without delay. We further appeal to the international community to offer Ms. Daryaei asylum and a safe haven if she can escape Iran's oppressive regime.

Once again, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and not the people of Iran reveal its true character: a harshly repressive theocratic patriarchy, utterly devoid of progressive values.

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