



AT MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

protect. prevent. prosecute. remember.

October 3, 2024

Dear Dr. Javid Rehman,

This letter is to award you with special recognition for your impartial and unbiased dedication to upholding international human rights in promoting justice for victims of the 1988 massacre in Iran.

Your academic and professional career demonstrates extensive expertise in Islamic law and state practices, international human rights law, and in research on religious minorities. We recognize your service as former Special Rapporteur of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran and commend your dedication to upholding rule of law and seeking justice for victims of the 1988 massacre.

At World Without Genocide, we educate about past and current conflicts and advocate to protect innocent people, prevent genocide, prosecute perpetrators, and remember those affected by genocide. Genocides are not natural disasters like tsunamis, floods, droughts, or hurricanes. They occur because of a failure of political will to prevent them. Your work embodies these goals to prevent genocide, prosecute perpetrators, and remember those whose lives were lost.

We condemn the 1988 atrocities, where 30,000 political prisoners were executed by the Iranian government and buried in mass graves, victims of crimes against humanity. We acknowledge that perpetrators, including current senior government officials, continue to operate with impunity for these crimes. Your courage to speak up ensures a truthful historical record. Transparent investigations are required to obtain evidence to hold perpetrators accountable under international law for gross human rights violations.

We commend your unwavering dedication to international human rights law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen J. Kennedy".

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