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Dear Catherine Ashton:

We, the undersigned, are **concerned about the effects** the implementation of **sanctions** are having on average Iranians. We are particularly concerned that items that are not sanctioned, such as medication and humanitarian goods are not reaching the people in Iran.

This is a time of **great suffering** in the region. We want to ensure that we are not further contributing to the suffering because of the **denial of access** to a payment channel for humanitarian items. We know the intention of the sanctions is to put pressure on Iran’s ruling elite. We worry that this is not the reality.

The brunt of the suffering **falls on women and children** and the most vulnerable in society. They suffer the consequences in very real ways. They lose their incomes, their homes, and their **access to life-saving medication**. Some of this suffering can be alleviated by allowing financial transactions for medications, basic needs, and other items that are not currently sanctioned.

We ask the European Union to create a payment channel to accept transactions from Iran. This channel should be closely scrutinized. This will allow much needed financial transactions for medications and basic needs to take place.

It is crucial at this time when the people of Iran are desperately trying to make their own voices heard that we show we are listening. They went to the polls in an attempt to show their own government that they wanted reform and better relations with the outside world. We need to show we are listening.

Please help to avert a humanitarian disaster. Allow Iranians access to the international banking system to purchase medications and humanitarian goods.

Thank you,

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When you complete the petition, send a digital image or scan to:

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Post it no later than October 25, 2013.