

Charlie Angus' Commitment to the Iranian-Canadian Community

Charlie Angus recognizes that the Liberal and Conservative status quo on Iran is not helping anybody. As both leader of the NDP and as Prime Minister, Charlie would work to re-establish diplomatic relations and re-open the Iranian embassy on a mutually acceptable basis, and bring in immediate access to consular services in the interim – in the era of Donald Trump's travel ban; there is no reason Iranian-Canadians should have to subject themselves to degrading and intimidating American border security to receive basic services.

The people of Iran have consistently favoured engagement, and while Iran's government continues to abide by the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, Charlie would work to hold up our end of the bargain by easing sanctions and engaging diplomatically. At the same time, we would remain a strong voice for human rights for peace in the region – while Canada should be a voice for productive engagement, it must also stand for the rights and freedoms of religious and ethnic minorities throughout the Middle East, as well as Iranian-Canadian dual citizens.