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***Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Co-Chairmen Call for Immediate  
and Unconditional Release of Youcef Nadarkhani***

Washington – Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Co-Chairmen Frank R. Wolf (R-VA) and James P. McGovern (D-MA) today called for the immediate and unconditional release of Youcef Nadarkhani from detention by Iranian authorities. Freedom of religion and conscience is a universal human right that the Iranian government must respect.

Mr. Nadarkhani faces the death penalty for his refusal to recant his Christian faith. His life hangs in the balance and immediate intervention is needed, the Co-Chairmen said.

The bipartisan Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission was established in the U.S. House of Representatives to educate Members of Congress on human rights issues and advocate on behalf of human rights defenders world-wide.

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