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The Honorable President of the United States

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

Re: A Proposal to Change the Battlefield - From the Persian Gulf to the Constitution

Dear Mr. President:

I am an Iranian-born American citizen and a longtime resident of Illinois.

I am writing to you as a concerned American who believes there is a political alternative to another war in the Middle East.

I have just personally delivered my newly published book, "BB or Not BB", to the offices of my two United States Senators from Illinois, Senator Richard J. Durbin and Senator Tammy Duckworth.

The central purpose of this book can be stated in one sentence: CHANGE THE BATTLEFIELD.

For more than four decades, American policy toward Iran has been concentrated on two battlefields: the Persian Gulf and economic sanctions under "Maximum Pressure." Both have failed to resolve the fundamental problem.

The fundamental problem is constitutional.

The political structure that has governed Iran since the 1979 Revolution originates in its constitution.

As long as that structure remains unchanged, no amount of military pressure or sanctions will produce a stable outcome.

My proposal is therefore constructive and political, not military:

Shift the confrontation from the Persian Gulf to a demand for a Constituent Assembly and a new Constitution for a Parliamentary Government in Iran.

This is what the Iranian people inside Iran - who are trapped between foreign war and domestic repression - are actually asking for.

They do not want war, and they do not want continued repression.

They want the right to determine their own future.

Mr. President, I am not asking you to agree with every page of my book.

I am respectfully asking that your National Security Council staff review its central argument.

One serious discussion of this alternative in the White House could prevent a war with enormous consequences for Americans, Iranians, Israelis, and the entire region.

I have enclosed a copy of the book for your review.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: Book "BB or Not BB"