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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator for Illinois

Dear Senator Durbin:

For many years, I have written to you regarding Iran, U.S.–Iran relations, and my belief that there is an alternative to the continuing cycle of confrontation and war. I have always appreciated the attention that you and your office have given to my correspondence.

Today, I am personally delivering to your office a copy of my newly published book, *****BB or Not BB*****.

I am an Iranian-born American who has spent much of my professional and public life seeking better relations between the United States and the Iranian people. In November 1998, through the Mid-America Committee, I organized and accompanied a delegation of 18 American executives to Iran in an effort to encourage constructive relations between our two countries.

After decades of observing the consequences of U.S.–Iran policy, I have reached one central conclusion:

****Change the battlefield from the Persian Gulf to the Constitution.****

Instead of another military confrontation that could bring enormous consequences for Americans, Iranians, Israel, and the entire Middle East, I believe the United States should focus attention on the fundamental constitutional structure that has governed Iran since the 1979 Revolution.

This book explains why.

Senator Durbin, I am not asking you to agree with every conclusion I have reached. I am asking only that you, or the appropriate member of your foreign-policy staff, examine the central argument of this book.

One United States Senator bringing this idea into serious public discussion could accomplish more than thousands of advertisements or speeches by people outside the government.

I would be grateful if you would read the book and, if you believe its proposal deserves consideration, discuss it with your colleagues and the appropriate officials of the United States Government.

Thank you for your many years of public service to Illinois and for considering the views of one of your constituents.

Respectfully,
Sohrab ChamanAra