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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator for Illinois

Dear Senator Duckworth:

I am personally delivering to your office a copy of my newly published book, *****BB or Not BB*****, because I believe its central proposal deserves consideration by those responsible for America's foreign and national-security policy.

I am an Iranian-born American and longtime Illinois resident who has spent decades seeking a peaceful and constructive relationship between the American and Iranian peoples. In November 1998, through the Mid-America Committee, I organized and accompanied a delegation of 18 American executives to Iran in an effort to improve relations between our two countries.

After decades of involvement with Iran-related issues, I have become increasingly concerned that continued military confrontation could produce devastating consequences without resolving the fundamental problem. My proposal can be summarized in one sentence:

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

The Islamic Republic's political structure originates in the constitution established after the 1979 Revolution. I believe that concentrating international and Iranian attention on constitutional change and the right of the Iranian people to determine their future offers an alternative path to another destructive war. That is the principal reason I wrote this book.

Senator Duckworth, given your distinguished military service and your work in the United States Senate, I particularly hope you will consider an argument whose purpose is to examine whether political and constitutional strategy can accomplish what repeated military confrontation has failed to achieve.

I am not asking you to endorse the book. I respectfully ask that you, or the appropriate member of your foreign-policy or national-security staff, read and consider its central proposal.

If you believe the idea has merit, even a few minutes of discussion in the United States Senate could bring attention to an alternative that deserves to be heard.

Thank you for your service to Illinois and to our country, and for considering the views of one of your constituents.

Respectfully,
Sohrab ChamanAra