



## **August 15, 2025Cyrus Force Iran**

Dear Senator Cotton,

It was a pleasure seeing you last year at the campaign event for Senator Scott, where you received the Cyrus Force Road Map booklet.

My colleagues at Cyrus Force, along with countless Iranian patriots, believe that the first step toward ending the Ayatollahs' rule in Iran must begin in the U.S. Senate.

We respectfully urge you to highlight, on the Senate floor, the anti-American and destabilizing provisions in the Islamic Republic's constitution and to call for "Smart Sanctions" that specifically target the regime's corrupt elite.

This is more urgent than ever.

The regime's leadership and affiliated elites have stolen nearly one trillion dollars from Iran, placing much of it in Western banks and institutions. These individuals, despite presenting themselves as legitimate citizens of Western nations, remain committed loyalists of the Ayatollahs' regime and could serve as its financial and operational cells abroad.

By addressing these issues publicly and calling for action, you can help spark a constitutional awakening inside Iran—one that allows the Iranian people to reclaim their nation without the need for direct foreign intervention.

I have attached a brief draft speech as a possible starting point, with full understanding that you may revise or reshape it entirely to suit your judgment and style.

Respectfully,  
Paul E Vallely

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Draft of a speech or message from Senator Cotton

Ladies and Gentlemen,

When I served as part of our military forces in Iraq, I witnessed firsthand the terror and destruction carried out by proxies of the Iranian regime—the Ayatollahs’ agents operating in the shadows.

For years, we believed that sanctions alone might change Tehran’s behavior.

It was not until last year, at a campaign event for Senator Scott, that I connected with General Paul Vallely, a decorated retired general and trusted voice on national security. He handed me a small book, *The Road Map*, published in both English and Persian.

I read it on my flight back to Arkansas—and it changed how I understood Iran.

What I discovered was simple but sobering: everything the Iranian regime does—the terror, the proxy wars, the hostility toward America—is not random. It is written explicitly in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic, drafted and enforced since the summer of 1979.

We all remember how that revolution unfolded. Ayatollah Khomeini, a virtually unknown cleric, rose to power by promising freedom of speech, free elections, women's rights, and liberty—empty promises that deceived millions of Iranians and even President Jimmy Carter, who infamously compared him to Gandhi. But once the Shah—a flawed but reliable ally of the United States—was gone, Khomeini seized control, took over the army and the intelligence services, and staged a referendum asking only one question: “Islamic Republic—yes, or no?”

In the fever of revolution, he won overwhelming approval, a decision many Iranians came to regret within months.

A month later, a new constitution was drafted—one that placed absolute power in the hands of Khomeini as Vali-e-Faqih, or Supreme Leader, under Article 5. More than that, the document openly declares hostility toward the United States and its allies, codifying a permanent policy of exporting revolution and sponsoring terror worldwide.

The results were immediate. Next year hostage crisis. Few years later, Marine barracks bombing in Lebanon. Decades of American lives lost—directly or indirectly—at the hands of this regime's proxies.

Ladies and gentlemen, there are eight specific clauses in Iran's constitution that directly target the United States and our allies.

As long as those provisions remain, there can be no trust, no nuclear deal, no normalization. Not today. Not ever.

We are not here to challenge Iran's internal religious laws or cultural policies; however oppressive they may be. The Iranian people themselves are revolting against those injustices. But when a constitution calls explicitly for our destruction, it becomes our problem.

That is why we must act. Today, I call on Congress to introduce a bill stating clearly: ***the United States will not normalize relations with Iran until every anti-American, pro-terror clause is removed from its constitution.***

And we have a tool to back it up: ***targeted, smart sanctions on the regime's elites—those who have looted billions from the Iranian people and hidden their fortunes in Western banks.*** These assets, left unchecked, will one day fund terrorist networks aim at us. We must freeze them, expose them, and cut off the lifeblood of the Ayatollahs' empire.

The Iranian people deserve freedom. America deserves security. And together, we can achieve both—without another war—if we follow the Road Map.

Thank you.

Senator Tom Cotton

