

A Strategic Alternative for U.S. Policy Toward Iran

Mr. President

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*****CC:** Vice President J.D. Vance***

*****CC:** Secretary of State Marco Rubio***

Mr. President,

I have just learned that you have asked the Pentagon to develop new options for increasing pressure on the IRGC.

The world's finest military leaders, including Admiral Cooper and his colleagues, can prepare military plans for every possible scenario. Their responsibility is to be ready if the United States is attacked or if military action becomes necessary.

However, deciding *****whether***** military action is the best course is ultimately not a military decision. That responsibility belongs to you, as Commander in Chief, together with your elected civilian leadership.

As someone who supports your goal of making America stronger, I respectfully ask you to consider one additional option before expanding the military battlefield.

I am a U.S. citizen originally from Iran. During the past twenty years I have written several books about Iran. Two months ago, I published my latest book, **Mr. Ayatollah, Tear Down This Constitution**. For the past year I have repeatedly written to the White House with one simple proposal:

*****Move the battlefield from the Persian Gulf to the battlefield of Iran's Constitution.*****

This is not merely an idea. The foundation for such a strategy already exists inside Iran.

** In 2019, fourteen respected Iranian political activists publicly called for fundamental constitutional change.*

* Shortly before the recent war, a statement signed by approximately 800 Iranians—including Mir-Hossein Mousavi and about 160 university professors—called for a Constituent Assembly and a new constitution.

* Seventeen prominent Iranian women, including Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi and human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh, also called for constitutional change.

* Even during the war, another declaration signed by approximately 400 Iranians continued that same demand.

Mr. President,

The conflict between the United States and the Islamic Republic is not only about nuclear weapons, missiles, or sanctions. The root of the problem is the Constitution of the Islamic Republic itself.

Just as President Putin cannot permanently achieve his objectives in Ukraine without addressing Ukraine's constitutional framework, the Islamic Republic cannot permanently satisfy America's demands while remaining bound by its present Constitution.

Military pressure may weaken the regime, but constitutional change can transform Iran.

I respectfully ask that your advisers read my book before recommending further escalation. Then, after considering both the military and constitutional paths, you can make the final decision.

Respectfully,

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