

Dear Mr. President,

I live in the Democratic state of Illinois. For over twenty years I have written to my Senator, Dick Durbin, trying to alert him to the danger inside the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Eight clauses in that document openly mandate hostility and terror toward America. For decades, these words have created fear for Iranians and danger for Americans, yet very few leaders have had the courage to speak them aloud.

Three years ago, I joined Cyrus Force in Florida, where we advocate for peaceful constitutional reform in Iran. We published a 25-page book called “The Road Map” showing how these eight clauses provide legal cover for state-sponsored terror. Our demand is simple, lawful, and moral: remove these clauses and sanction only the oligarchs who profit from them — men who control nearly one trillion dollars in Western assets while their own people live in misery.

Mr. President, even a short five-minute statement from you demanding the removal of these clauses — paired with smart sanctions targeted at the regime’s oligarchs, not the Iranian people — would ignite a powerful movement inside Iran toward a Constitutional Assembly. That movement already exists, but it is suffocated by two theatrical exile figures in the U.S., Reza Pahlavi and Maryam Rajavi, who distract from the real struggle and silence genuine reformers.

While Cyrus Force presses these two fundamental demands with Republican Senators, I continue, as a Democrat living in Illinois, to write to my own Senator. The letter above is what I wrote to Senator Durbin today.

Respectfully,

Sohrab ChamanAra

Subject: A Call for Moral Courage on Iran’s Constitution

Dear Senator Durbin,

For more than twenty years I have been writing to you from Illinois, trying to convey a painful truth about the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Inside that document are eight explicit clauses calling for hostility, terror, and destruction toward the United States. These are not abstract ideas — they form the legal backbone of a system that has brought suffering to millions of Iranians and has targeted America for decades.

I have written books on this subject and sent them to your office. Years ago, I received a letter stating that when the time was right, you would bring these concerns to the Senate floor. Yet after two decades of writing, waiting, and hoping, I have never been granted even five minutes

of your time to speak face-to-face about a matter that affects both my homeland and the country I now call home.

I recently saw that you met with a Nobel Prize–winning figure from the Venezuelan opposition. It made me ask myself a painful question: Why has the same moral recognition not been extended to Iranians, especially when Iran’s own two Nobel Peace Prize laureates — Ms. Narges Mohammadi and Ms. Shirin Ebadi — have pleaded for constitutional change inside Iran, aligning perfectly with America’s own anti-terror principles?

There are millions of Iranians whose voices have been silenced — not only by the regime in Tehran, but by a U.S. media landscape that amplifies fake opposition groups while real reformers inside Iran are ignored. These people are not asking for war. They are asking for dignity, reform, and a constitution that does not promise death to America.

I truly hope that before it is too late, you will listen to those unheard millions and lend your voice to their call for constitutional change — a call that aligns with both American values and basic human decency.

Respectfully,

Sohrab ChamanAra