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The Honorable George Walker Bush  
President of the United States  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I am an Iranian born American citizen enjoying the rewards of democracy and personal freedom of my adopted country. Having immigrated in my twenties, I am culturally and emotionally tied to my native land. I am deeply saddened by the inconceivable atrocities the tyrannical government of Iran commits in the name of administrative policies. I am further perplexed by resolute silence of the democratic world body on gross violations of human rights by the clerical regime of Iran. In my desperation of wanting to help my native compatriots, I ecstatically hear your voice of support for the Iranian people.

You, my honorable president, on the occasion of the State of the Union address of the year 2006, explicitly and determinedly stated that Iran is held hostage by a small clerical elite that is isolating and repressing its people. You said that this must come to an end. You addressed the citizens of Iran directly with the inspiring and compassionate words; "America respects you, and we respect your country. We respect your right to choose your own future and win your own freedom. And our nation hopes one day to be the closest of friends with a free and democratic Iran".

As an Iranian American, I am elated to see my president, the leader of the most powerful democracy in the world, voice his support for the people of my native land in their pursuit of democracy. Mr. President, despite my differences of opinion with some of your policies, it has been my desire, and, I have finally made it my duty to rise on behalf of like minded Iranian Americans and Iranian citizens and loudly and proudly say: Thank You Mr. President, we appreciate your stand on democracy in Iran.

As a common man and practitioner of democracy, I request your permission to address you frankly and directly. Mr. President, astonishingly, I find a lack of resonance amongst my compatriots of Iranian background on your strong and positive words of support. The shared reaction is that your talk lacks substance. This is not to disrespect your intentions or refuse your goodwill. It is merely a reaction caused by the consequences of past events. Your words are shadowed by memories of the deceptive policies of President Carter's administration on Iran. Those policies have contributed to death of hundreds of thousands of Iranians and to the decay of social, fiscal, and political infrastructure in Iran. In 1977, on a New Year's Eve visit to Tehran, President Carter toasted Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi as "an island of stability" amid the turmoil of the region, while his administration was plotting to undermine the stability of that same Shah!

Mr. President, documents after documents are publicly available showing that the so-called revolution of 1979 in Iran was instigated by the plots of outside forces, visibly evident amongst them, the United States of America. Today, the people of Iran are ready for a change of government as they were in 1979. Today, as was done in 1979, the change needs to be initiated from outside as all avenues for reform are closed within. Today however, a major change exists in the makeup of the outside forces. Millions of forced-out Iranians are scattered across the globe with a vast number living in the United States. These Iranians have a passionate desire for a free and democratic Iran. These passions and desires are the essence of the outside forces, augmenting the dream of the people inside Iran for the change. Need for yesterday's plots are no more, as today the elites of the Iranian migrant crowd offer globally thoughtful, albeit somewhat naive and emotional, plans for a free and democratic Iran.

America has done Iran wrong in the past. In 1953, America aided the overthrow of the democratically elected Prime Minister and secured dictatorial rule of the Shah. In 1979, America aided the overthrow of that Shah and secured the rule of a murderous, dictatorial, and clerical regime.

Mr. President, today, you have an opportunity to redeem America's oversights in Iran by substantiating your words of support for the Iranian people. The substance in our analysis, is constructive financial assistance, and mutually agreed upon clarification and understanding of the protocols of the New World Order. The question then becomes to whom the finance is to be granted and with whom the understanding of the Fair Share doctrine of coexistence should be drawn.

As a researcher and as a Texan -naturalized in San Antonio- I feel confident to advise my President, a Texan himself, that the freedom of the Iranian people will be won by genuine patriots of Iran, irrelevant of their current citizenship affiliations. These patriots are not in service of foreign governments for the undermining of Iran. They do not have ties with the Freemasonry groups, or anti-Iran agendas of secret and open societies. And most importantly, they are not cronies of political Judaism, Christianity, Islamism, or any other religion for that matter. For sometime, a new breed of political elite, independent and non corrupt, passionately nationalistic, scrupulous believers of wise and balanced globalization, staunch proponent of rights and dignity for all, and with keen eyes towards America and its governmental system have been brewing amongst the Iranians everywhere.

Mr. President, you said that America hopes one day to be the closest of friends with a free and democratic Iran. I seek your permission to advise you that the two nations of Iran and America have inseparable local, regional, and global interests of social, economic, and political nature. With the right decisions of America, your hope of friendship is certain.

Please allow me to advise you that Iran has ten thousand years history of habitation, and nearly three thousand years of governmental systems. Iran is the only genuine and locally transpired country in the Great Middle East scheme. Iran is a cultural superpower with scopes hundreds and even thousands of miles beyond its current geographical borders. As an example; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, the three dominant religions of the world, are either influenced or deeply impregnated by the culture, civilization, and

religions of ancient Iran. The Bahai belief, a fairly recent progressive religion with followers around the world, is completely of Iranian origin and nature.

The cultural affluence and influence of Iran founded on the pillars of good will, good discourse, and good deed is not to be feared or envied. There shall not be a need for confrontation or plots for preemptive annihilation. The supremacy of Iran in culture is not a liability for the world. It is rather an asset that all nations, especially those of the region, can benefit from in the context of the New World Order. The free and democratic Iran will facilitate the reach of the Iranian culture to all seekers of goodness.

Iran is an economic might with or without oil. The economic strength of Iran is not solely in its natural resources but in its people of varied ethnicities and abilities. A testament to these abilities is over 20 Iranian satellite television stations and nearly 800 billion dollars accrued assets by the migrant Iranians in America alone. The free and democratic Iran will position Iran's economic power to reward its citizens with basic necessities of a modern society, at the least. In a free and democratic Iran quality life-sustaining health insurance will be free and accessible to all. There shall not ever be a need to prostitute one's body, sell one's organs, or rob another's possessions to pay for one's father, mother, or child's medical expenses.

The free and democratic Iran will seek and welcomes trade with all nations, but will not allow the plundering of Iran's natural resources, will not condone organized criminal activities for amassment of wealth, will not submit to exploitive demands of the World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Privatization schemes, or any other domineering fiscal strategies. The free and democratic Iran salutes and embraces capitalism and free market economic infrastructures, but shall not succumb to sacrificing the labor rights, dignity, and fair compensation for the sake of market demands.

Many nations, among them Israel and a number of European communities, are deprived of adequate natural resources or economic productivities to provide for their citizens. America considers the strength of the Dollar against other currencies, the Euro in particular, a pillar of its national security. The free and democratic Iran, bountiful in natural resources and a prime trade partner, while maintaining its independence in managing its affairs, does recognize its role in the stability of the global world. The free and democratic Iran offers access to its resources and seeks the same, on the basis of the Fair Share doctrine. The free and democratic Iran, in view of its cultural, geopolitical, and economic prodigious capacities, seeks its historical and rightful role in world affairs by requesting a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council.

Colonialism is an expired global policy. Today, world population does not endure the installation of rulers and governments via fake elections, referendums, revolutions, or direct military invasions. Enslaving humans in any form and with any intention is immoral, illegal, and intolerable. The age old notion of one tribe being the chosen people to rule the world is a fallacy. The doctrine of resurrecting the Roman Empire is barren. The free and democratic Iran with its Security Council seat, advocates peace, justice, rights of existence, dignified living, and balanced relations amongst nations. The free

and democratic Iran will deprecate militarization and war as a mean of resolving difficulties amongst nations.

Mr. President, conciliation with the tyrannical regime in Iran, invading, attacking, or bombing Iran, does not constitute right decisions for friendship with the free and democratic Iran. Friendship with a free and democratic Iran may seem challenging. I attest that it may be so, but it will be essential for the betterment of the world on its path towards globalization.

It took America a deadly and costly Civil War to dismantle slavery. An American President, however, took that challenge for the sake of a better America and ultimately a better world. It took a deadly and costly campaign to bring the Second World War to an end. An American President, however, took that challenge for the security of the world. At high costs to America, you have taken the challenge of subduing world terrorism. Let us take the non-lethal and low-cost quest of becoming friends with a free and democratic Iran, no matter how challenging it may seem.

Mr. President, hope is a vital purpose in life. Your supportive words inspire hope. Offer substantive assistance to apt seekers, so we can make the hope a reality, so we can make Iran free and democratic. In honor of your daring initiative, an annual international George Walker Bush Hope Award will be established in the free and democratic Iran to recognize those who instigate hope for a better world and cause its realization.

History teaches about persons that have shaped the world for better or worse. We cannot deny ills in history but can engrave it with our good deed. Martin Luther King elaborately delivered his famous "I have a dream" speech in quest of a better America. America fulfilled the dream, eventually, and today America is a better place for all of us. Let us fulfill America's hope of a close friendship with a free and democratic Iran and let us together, Iran and America, make the world a better place for all of its habitants.

Mr. President, the making of history for the good of the people is before us. Let us be what Texans are known for, the Mavericks. Let us remember the Alamo and do the right things.

Humbly yours,

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