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Dear President Biden,

As you are aware the people of Iran have launched a mass protest in opposition to political repression and lack of freedom. First, I would like to thank you for your expression of support for this movement. The support by world leaders will have a positive impact on this struggle. You have correctly announced that the United States will offer diplomatic, political and moral support but will not directly interfere or engage in military intervention. This is a correct policy which is in line with the national interests of the United States.

These protests will gain strength and continue without foreign intervention. However, the Islamic regime is trying to provoke a confrontation with an external enemy to use the threat of war and ethnic separatism as an excuse for crushing the protests. Unfortunately, some countries in the Middle East might try to take advantage of the uprisings, and distraction of the regime, to engage in a confrontation with Iran or support ethnic separatist movements. If any of these scenarios arise, the majority of Iranians will have no choice but to rally around the regime in order to protect the territorial integrity of the country.

While the United States has correctly decided not to intervene in these protests directly, **I ask that you declare a policy of denial of intervention by other countries and opposition to external support for the disintegration of Iran.** This means that the United States is opposed to any country trying to support separatist movements in Iran and the United States does not allow any country to occupy the Iranian soil while the democracy protests are underway.

This policy will reduce the anxiety of millions of Iranians that hesitate to join the protests because they are afraid that it can lead to weakening of the central government and increase the risk of ethnic disintegration. Furthermore, this policy will increase the popularity of the United States among the people of Iran (which is already high).

I also would like to remind you that this proposal has precedence in the U.S. foreign policy. After the 1979 Islamic Revolution that ended the Pahlavi dynasty, President Carter declared the Carter Doctrine in the Persian Gulf. This doctrine declared that the United States will deny any external power the opportunity to militarily dominate the Persian Gulf but the U.S. does not interfere or militarily intervene in the domestic affairs of the Persian Gulf States (the oil sheikhdoms) either.

Best regards,

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