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President Barack Obama,
The White House
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Honorable President Obama:

We congratulate you on your new vision to normalize America's relations with the world, particularly with unfriendly nations such as Iran. We are glad that you realize in order for America to stay prosperous in its global leadership role, it is important for America to rely on dialog and cooperation rather than confrontation.

We applaud your new approach with Iran. However, we are concerned about the terms under which this new relationship may be formalized. Mr. President, while you are trying to improve America's relationship with Iran we sincerely hope you will encourage Iran to respect the national and democratic rights of the Kurds and other ethnic groups, and improve human rights in Iran.

While we see America's good intention to improve America's relation with Iran, we are concerned with the Iranian response to your call. For example, Iran's condition for America to change its behavior as terms for negotiation is a matter of grave concern. Iran must realize that when America is ready to compromise certain interests, Iran must do the same.

America has given its best to the world in terms of technology, models of democracy, economic prosperity, and aid in times of crisis when other nations were in need. You yourself have made reference to the need for America to regain its moral leadership, by refusing to compromise America's values. We believe if America premises her future relationship with other nations including Iran on her values and the best of what she has given to the world, she can regain her influence at the global level. We pray for your success.

Sincerely yours,
Kirmanj Gundi
President