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Dear Chairperson Slossberg and Representative Morin, and Members of the General Administration and Election Committee Members,

I am writing in support of H.B. 5464 - AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE CONTRACTS WITH ENTITIES MAKING CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN IRAN.

I believe that the Testimony of David Ibsen, Executive Director of United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) states the key reasons for Connecticut to join other states like New York, California, and Florida in adopting this legislation. It is important that we all demonstrate our resolve in enforcing sanctions against Iran with the hope that it will persuade Iran not to develop nuclear weapons, and that it will avoid the necessity of military intervention.

It is of utmost importance that we unite to deter Iran from developing nuclear weapons. Iran's history of violating human rights, supporting terrorism, threatening Western and Arab countries, pledging itself to destruction of the State of Israel, and its suppression of freedom, is enough to convince all people of conscience and good-will, that it can't be trusted to possess a nuclear bomb.

Prohibiting State contracts and investments with entities and contractors doing business with Iran is the best way to unite in our resolve to peacefully influence Iran to abandon its quest for nuclear weapons.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Baram".

David A. Baram
State Representative