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Dear Mr. Danilow:

Thanks for your thoughts on Iran. Most Americans agree it's in our best interest to make sure Iran doesn't obtain nuclear weapons - period.

Such would threaten the national interest, the existence of our strong ally, Israel, and the security in the entire region.

This is why I have supported the crippling international sanctions against Iran while also cosponsoring several Senate measures that reject any policy that would rely on containment of a nuclear-armed Iran.

I believe all these efforts combined are what finally spurred Iran to negotiate. The resulting interim agreement allows the U.S. to fully test Iran's willingness to work with the international community over the next six months. And should the country cheat or backtrack, there's no question new and even tougher sanctions would be appropriate. Meantime, you can be sure that in my capacity as a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee I will continue to support efforts to bring about a long-term agreement that keeps nuclear weapons out of the hands of Iran.

Again, I appreciated hearing from you on this issue. And please don't hesitate to contact me in the future.

Sincerely,  
Bill Nelson

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