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Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 9:45 AM
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Subject: Re: Letter in WT

Bravo. After being brought up to date on the creeping and opaque U.S. sanctions regime, and hearing the circular reasoning in its defense -- bravo. But then, mindful of the American appetite for bogeymen, I guess one should not be surprised.

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From: "Patrick Disney"
Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2009 12:24:17 -0500
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Subject: Letter in WT

Our letter in the Washington Times re: divestment.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/feb/25/dont-punish-american-workers/>

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

LETTER TO EDITOR: Don't punish American workers

The Dow dropped 6.2 percent last week, American companies are bleeding 600,000 jobs per month, and whole economies are crumbling under the weight of the global recession. At a time that clearly demands American leadership, Mark D. Wallace ("Reverse 'oil weapon' on Iran," Op-Ed, Friday) proposes bold action on the part of all Americans - that will make everything worse.

Mr. Wallace's United Against Nuclear Iran proposes that Americans sell off their stock in major companies, turning as-yet-unrealized losses into real money down the drain. All because these global businesses may do some indirect trade with Iran - something U.S. law does not prohibit. To be clear, the Iranian government's nuclear program, human rights violations and support for terrorism are all serious concerns. However, punishing American workers - in the middle of the greatest recession since the 1930s - shows reckless disregard for the immediate problems of ordinary Americans. The solution to the Iranian challenge lies in working with our allies - not punishing their companies or our own work force.

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To: Simon Weber; Patrick Disney; rsawaya@nftc.org; Considine, Michael; Jeannine Markoe Raymond; Nancy McLernon; Bill Reinsch
Subject: RE: meeting to discuss Iran divestment

FYI -- Not sure if this Sherman bill is in lieu of or addition to any Frank legislation.

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Subject: RE: meeting to discuss Iran divestment

FYI -- I understand Frank may soon offer his Iran Divestment bill. I do not have details on timing or content, though presumably it's the one passed last year (HR 2347, I believe) but never acted on by the Senate. I have a call into Frank's office but have not spoken to his staff yet. I wanted you all to be aware.

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Subject: RE: meeting to discuss Iran divestment

If possible, I'd like to get all of us together, if only very briefly. So once again, let me propose some times and please check your schedules.

Tuesday (2/17)
9:00am or 9:30am

Wednesday (2/18)
10am or 11am

I'd also like to sweeten the deal by offering to provide coffee and bagels. If that's still not enough incentive, then we can arrange for something at another time after things quiet down a bit. Thanks for your flexibility.

-patrick

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Subject: RE: meeting to discuss Iran divestment

I'm sorry for not responding earlier. We have internal planning meetings this Friday. I can do next Tuesday or just find out about discussion through Patrick.

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Subject: RE: meeting to discuss Iran divestment

It looks like Friday at 1pm is our best bet. Please plan on meeting briefly at that time to get connected and do some initial planning for Iran divestment work.

Would anyone be willing to volunteer their facilities to host?

Thanks,

-patrick

From: Patrick Disney [mailto:PDisney@niacouncil.org]
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To: 'Simon Weber'; 'rsawaya@nftc.org'; 'Considine, Michael'; 'Jeannine Markoe Raymond'; 'Nancy McLernon'
Subject: meeting to discuss Iran divestment

All,

I would like to bring us together to discuss possible collaboration on Iran divestment legislation.

Monday is President's Day, so I would recommend Friday or Tuesday. I'll just throw out some proposed times. Please respond to all with your availability.

Friday

1:00pm _____

2:00pm _____

Tuesday

10:00am _____

2:30pm _____

Thanks very much,

-patrick

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