Letter to Senator Richard Blumenthal
Urging Him to Support the Historical Peace Agreement With Iran

To: Senator Richard Blumenthal
From: Members of the New Haven Democratic Town Committee
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• **This is a pivotal moment in world peace, in whether we choose diplomacy over war.**

• On July 14 President Obama announced a peace agreement with Iran signed by the US and 5 other major countries.

• This agreement creates a verifiable commitment by Iran not to pursue nuclear weapons in exchange for removing international economic and political sanctions.

• The alternative to this agreement is another disastrous war in the Middle East that would **put our youth and our country in danger and further drain precious resources needed to repair our country's infrastructure and create needed jobs**.

• **There are forces in Congress and abroad pushing for such a war.**

• These are largely the same forces that promote endlessly increased military budgets, oppose money for human needs and have undermined every effort of President Obama to move the world toward peaceful, diplomatic settlements of international disputes.

• **Regretfully during the negotiations on the Iran agreement Senator Blumenthal joined these forces.**

• Senator Blumenthal met with members of the New Haven DTC and others on June 7 and reassured us that he supported the President's diplomatic efforts to reach a peace agreement with Iran and that he would support a verifiable agreement.

• A number of us met again with Senator Blumenthal on August 10. The Senator had not decided whether or not he would support the agreement President Obama signed with Iran. He said he was seeking more facts, that he wanted to avoid war. Senator Blumenthal is sitting on the fence.

• We believe that for avoiding war the facts are overwhelmingly on the side of this verifiable agreement, on the side of diplomacy and on the side of President Obama's peace efforts. Experts on arms control, retired Generals, Admirals and Ambassadors, national security leaders, members of the faith community and many others agree.

The voice of the New Haven Democratic Town Committee matters.

We, the undersigned members of the New Haven Democratic Town Committee, urge Senator Blumenthal to support the recent peace agreement with Iran and to support President Obama's diplomacy for peace.

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