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Herr Klaus Holz
General Secretary
Evangelical Academy Loccum
Hannover, Germany,

Dear Herr Holz,

It was with great consternation and regret that I learned of your decision to host a representative of the Iranian regime at the Academy Loccum in your upcoming conference on Iran. I strongly urge you to disinvite the regime's ambassador, Ali Reza Sheikhattar, from keynoting your dinner on April 18.

The Foundation for Democracy in Iran has been monitoring Iranian regime human and political rights violations and promoting the expansion of civil society since 1995. We work with the *victims* of the policies your Academy now appears to be promoting.

Instead of giving a forum to the representative of a regime that murders its own children and enslaves its women, why not instead consider inviting an Iranian dissident who is actively working to promote civil society and put an end to torture and repressive government? We would be happy to assist you in finding someone suitable.

I must add that as a believing Christian, I find the notion that a church organization would host a representative of a regime that openly calls for the destruction of the State of Israel and tracks down and murders dissidents to be an insult to Christians everywhere. Calling evil, good, won't make the evil go away. Such actions only serve to aid and abet a regime that continues to defy international law and all standards of human decency. For the sake of your own conscience, I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth R. Timmerman, President
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