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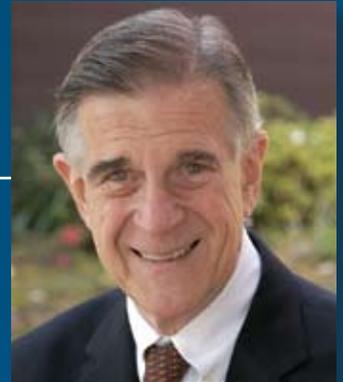
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CONGRESSMAN PETE STARK'S

New Year Town Meetings
Join Pete to Discuss National Issues



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008

UNION CITY

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Ruggieri Senior Center
 Dining Room
 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road

SAN LEANDRO

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 San Leandro Library
 Dave Karp Senior Facility
 300 Estudillo Avenue

ALAMEDA

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.
 Alameda City Hall
 Council Chambers
 2263 Santa Clara Avenue

OPPOSING WAR WITH IRAN

A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN PETE STARK

Dear Friend:

I am concerned that President Bush is interested in launching an attack against Iran. For months, neoconservatives both inside and outside his Administration have used strong language to suggest that Iran was pursuing and would soon acquire nuclear weapons.



In December, a new National Intelligence Estimate concluded that Iran was no longer developing nuclear weapons. Representing the consensus view of all 16 American spy agencies, it stated that Iran had in 2003 shut down its nuclear weapons program in response to international pressure. I hope the Administration will acknowledge the report and fundamentally alter its Iran policy. To date, however, instead of embracing heartfelt diplomacy, the President has promised to continue his hard line.

The United States must not make the same mistake with Iran that it made with Iraq. Vice President Cheney should not rush our nation into another war based on flawed intelligence. Nor should the Administration manipulate intelligence to build its case.

I'm working to prevent war with Iran. I've sponsored multiple bills that would require Congressional authorization before an attack could be launched. I've also made it clear that I oppose military conflict with Iran and do not foresee a scenario in which I would vote to authorize a preemptive war.

As a long time opponent of nuclear weapons, I am, however, concerned that Iran may restart its nuclear weapons program. That's why I support a diplomatic "surge" to engage Iran and other nations with undisclosed nuclear weapons in a peaceful and constructive manner.

I hope to hear your thoughts about Iran and other subjects at my town meetings on **Saturday, January 19th.**

Sincerely,

Pete Stark

Opposing War with Iran