

MEDIA ADVISORY**CENTURY FOUNDATION FELLOW GENEIVE ABDO TESTIFIES
BEFORE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**WHAT: Hearing of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia:
 "America and the Iranian Political Reform Movement: First, Do No
 Harm"**

WHEN: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building

As the February 11 demonstrations in Iran approach, Century Foundation Fellow Geneive Abdo will testify before the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia on the topic of America's role vis-à-vis the Iranian Political Reform Movement. According to Abdo, "The Obama Administration should call attention to the regime's human rights violations, as it is likely the security forces will use all their might to crush the demonstrations on this day. By drawing attention to the degree of violence by the regime, the Obama administration could highlight the fact that Iran's leaders are running an un-Islamic state."

Abdo is the editor of InsideIRAN.org, a new website that provides information and analysis from scholars both within and outside of Iran. As February 11th approaches, InsideIRAN.org will have exclusive content and updates from what's happening within the country.

To keep abreast of these updates by signing up for InsideIRAN.org's email newsletter. To do so, send an email to arafat@tcf.org, with "subscribe" in the subject line.

Before joining The Century Foundation, Abdo has served as a liaison for the United Nations' Alliance of Civilizations, a project created by the U.N. secretary general to improve relations between Western and Islamic societies. She was a foreign correspondent for many years in the Middle East and the broader Islamic world, and was the first American journalist to be based in Tehran since the United States cut off ties with Iran in the aftermath of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Abdo is available for interviews. Please contact Zaina Arafat at arafat@tcf.org or by phone at (212) 452-7713. Abdo can also be reached at abdo@tcf.org .

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