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Dear Mr. Connolly:

Thank you for sharing your proposal, "Public Talks," with me. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts and for working to find an approach to change the way international dialog and negotiations take place.

"Public Talks" is an interesting proposal that should be looked at closely and discussed as an alternative to conflict. If more people were dedicated to peaceful and negotiation-based resolution conflict, this world would truly be a better place.

Innovative thinking, like that of the Institute, is essential to moving towards a stable and secure future for all the world's people.

Again, thank you again for sharing your work with me.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress