

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to stress the vital importance of completing a nuclear agreement with Iran that is not only acceptable, but comprehensive, airtight, and long-lasting. As we wrote to you last March, we continue to believe any agreement must dismantle Iran's nuclear weapons program, including the Fordow enrichment facility and the Arak heavy water reactor, such that it prevents Iran from having a uranium or plutonium path to a nuclear bomb. Any deal must also fully resolve concerns about military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program; provide a long-term and intrusive inspection and verification regime and a vigorous enforcement mechanism, that includes the snapback of sanctions should Iran fail to keep its commitments. We continue to believe, like you, that no deal would be better than a bad deal.

We write to you now to clarify what we see as necessary to verify Iranian compliance with an agreement and to urge you to assure our capability to take strong measures against Iran in the event of breach or non-compliance of an agreement.

1. A robust inspections and verification regime

A final agreement with Iran must put in place a long-term inspections and verification regime, and associated limitations on Iran's nuclear program that lasts at least 20 years. Given decades of deceit, Iran simply cannot be trusted with a short-term intrusive inspections regime. Maintaining a long-term inspections and verification regime will provide the IAEA and state parties the ability to ensure Iran is complying with the agreement. If Iran fails to comply, the final agreement must provide timely warning that Iran is in violation of its commitments.

The monitoring regime for any agreement must be a layered approach with aspects carried out by the IAEA and the P5+1. The state parties (the P5+1) should also have an independent ability to monitor and report on Iran's compliance. The United States as a state party to the agreement should independently report to Congress on Iranian compliance with the agreement.

Inspections by the IAEA must be intrusive, with Iran allowing IAEA inspectors access to any and all facilities, persons or documentation as requested by the IAEA to confirm Iran's continued compliance with the agreement, including beyond the safeguards listed under the Additional Protocol.

Beyond the standard inspection regime of the IAEA Additional Protocol, Iran must account for the full inventory of centrifuges, production facilities for components, the total number of components, assembly workshops and storage depots for centrifuges. Inspections efforts already underway by the IAEA under the Joint Plan of Action must be amplified to allow more frequent

access by IAEA inspectors. These efforts will guarantee every centrifuge in Iran is documented and accounted for and none can be used in a covert facility.

2. Full disclosure by Iran on possible military dimensions of the nuclear program:

Iran must come clean about the military dimensions of its nuclear program. It is crucial to know how far along Iran has moved in its weaponization efforts. Without such baseline clarity, developing a satisfactory inspections regime will be very difficult. Inspectors must be given access to the materials, documents, records and any staff involved in order to verify Iran's capabilities. Only once Iran has provided full details about its nuclear program can it begin to receive comprehensive sanctions relief.

3. Enforcement Mechanisms

We anticipate that any sanctions relief would be phased in over a lengthy period of time to allow the opportunity to gauge Iranian compliance. Further, the consequences for Iran of non-compliance or breach must be stipulated in the agreement. Any violation of the agreement must be met with a robust U.S. and international response. Finally, Iran must understand that the United States reserves all options to respond to any attempt by Iran to advance its nuclear weapons programs.

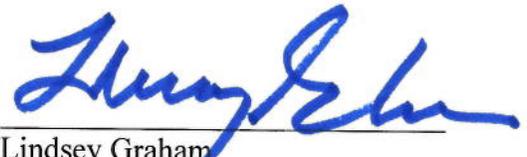
Iran's 20-year history of deception compels the international community to be vigilant to ensure no path to a nuclear bomb is possible. Congress has played an active role in addressing the Iranian nuclear program over the last twenty years by enacting nine separate pieces of sanctions. As a comprehensive deal takes shape, Congress will continue to be an important partner in the steps ahead, providing oversight of the agreement and mechanisms to reduce sanctions, if appropriate. Indeed, our willingness to consider legislation to provide sanctions relief will be based on resolution of all of these issues in the context of a final agreement with Iran.

Mr. President, we know our negotiators are hard at work trying to reach an agreement. We hope they will be successful in reaching an agreement that ensures Iran is prevented from ever developing or building nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez  
United States Senator



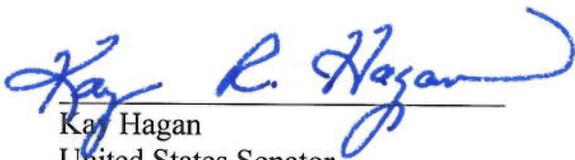
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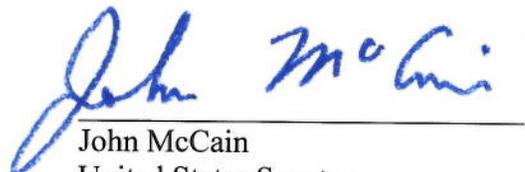


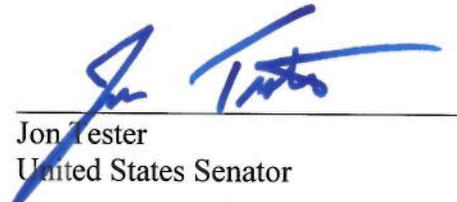
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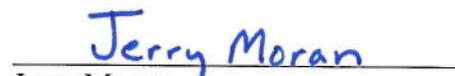
  
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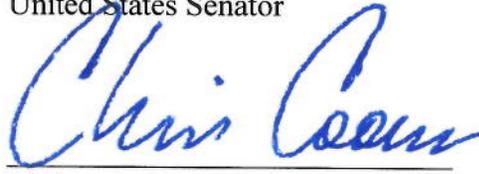
  
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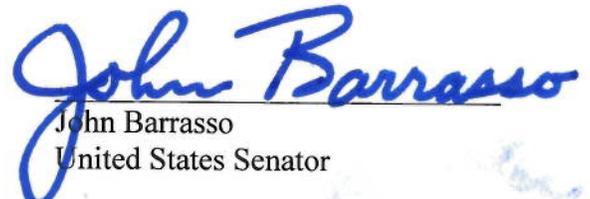
  
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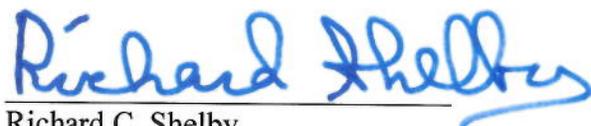
  
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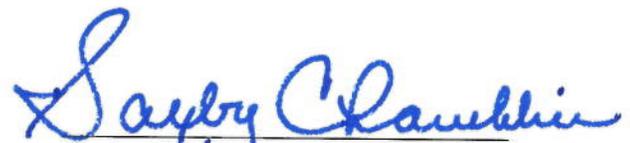
  
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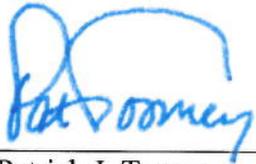
  
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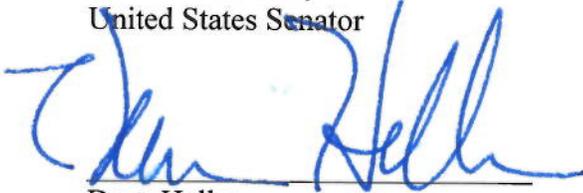
  
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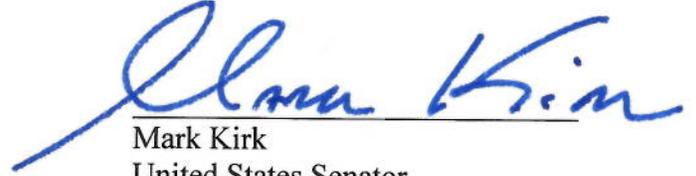
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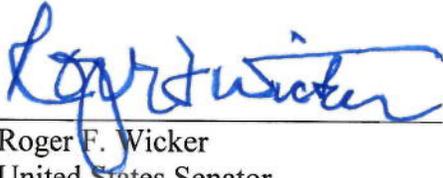
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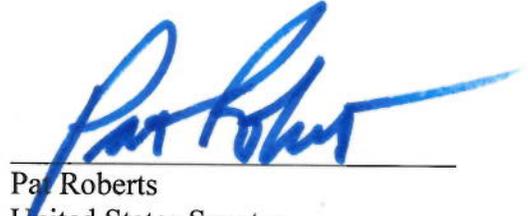
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