

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

As the Administration negotiates what we hope will be a meaningful and appropriate nuclear agreement with Iran that strengthens America's security, we remain very concerned about aspects of the framework agreement, as well as Iranian rhetoric and actions demonstrating Tehran's bad faith. As the deadline for a nuclear agreement approaches, we urge U.S. negotiators to ensure that any agreement reached will verifiably deny Iran the capability to produce a nuclear weapon.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei – who holds the ultimate authority in Iran to approve any nuclear deal – has ruled out the possibility of the intrusive inspection regime necessary to ensure that Iran is not violating its obligations under the nuclear deal, announcing that, "I will not let foreigners talk to our scientists who brought us this extensive [nuclear] knowledge." Iran has also consistently refused to allow inspections of its military sites or to address the matter of its missile system capabilities as part of a final nuclear deal.

Several necessary elements must be included in a final deal in order to truly and permanently cut off Iran's pathway to a bomb. Unless these elements are clearly and explicitly part of a final deal, we do not believe the deal will permanently stop Iran from acquiring a nuclear bomb, nor will it be good enough to support.

Khamenei's recent comments notwithstanding, any agreement must provide for "anytime, anywhere" inspections, including of Iran's military sites, given Iran's history of deception in negotiations and lying about its nuclear program. Without such inspections, Iran will be too tempted to continue cheating and advancing its program.

Iran must also entirely reveal its past nuclear work, per its own commitments, providing Western negotiators and inspectors with a baseline standard against which to measure Iran's compliance with the agreement.

A final agreement must also gradually lift sanctions, proportionate to Iran meeting its obligations under the agreement. Granting Iran a "signing bonus" at the beginning of the agreement is unacceptable.

Most importantly, the final agreement must prevent Iran from ever becoming a nuclear state. If the Tehran regime is permitted to continue working on research and development of their nuclear capabilities – like producing advanced centrifuges – for the duration of the agreement, it will likely have break-out

capability within days of the nuclear agreement's expiration. As part of this, Iran must dismantle a sufficient of its uranium and plutonium-producing infrastructure to ensure that all of its pathways to a nuclear weapon are cut off. This should include entirely dismantling – not merely “decoupling” – enough of its centrifuges to a number below that necessary to produce fissile material for a nuclear weapon.

If the president reaches an agreement with Iran and submits it to Congress, we will be looking closely to ensure that it meets these minimum requirements. We remain hopeful that a diplomatic solution will be reached, but continue to believe that it must be one that truly prevents Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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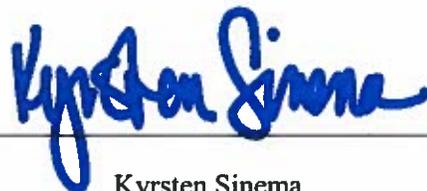
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