

A LETTER FROM SENIOR JEWISH LEADERS ON THE IRAN AGREEMENT

We recognize the efforts of the Obama administration and the other five nations that worked together to reach a diplomatic agreement with Iran that cuts off its ability to pursue a nuclear weapon. A nuclear-armed Iran would not only be a security threat to the State of Israel, but also to regional and global stability.

While the agreement is not perfect, it is the best available for the United States and creates a more secure and stable world for all of us — a world in which the leading state sponsor of terror is not two to three months away from acquiring a nuclear weapon, as it is now. Under this agreement, Iran's plutonium reactor at Arak will be removed and filled with concrete. Ninety-eight percent of Iran's enriched uranium stockpile will be eliminated, and Iran will be subjected to the most intensive inspections regime ever negotiated.

U.S. leadership to galvanize the international community has been — and will continue to be — critical to preventing Iran from ever being able to acquire a nuclear weapon. The U.S. must work to ensure this international coalition remains intact, unwavering in our efforts to hold Iran accountable to all of its commitments as well as to opposing Iran's destabilizing activities, including its support for terrorists.

We join with dozens of retired generals and admirals, with 60 senior U.S. national security leaders, with top U.S. nuclear experts, with over 100 of Israel's leading defense and intelligence establishment, with many hundreds of American rabbis and with more than a dozen of the most stalwart pro-Israel former members of Congress who also support this agreement.

Rejecting this deal would place at risk the international resolve the U.S. has worked so hard to strengthen. That is why we strongly urge Congress to support the agreement.

Every effort must be made to verify Iran's compliance, and to examine and address any potential shortcomings of the agreement going forward. Toward this end, we urge strong cooperation between the White House and Congress, and continued U.S. global leadership.

But it all starts with implementation of the Iran agreement.

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