



A CLARION CALL: PREVENT A NUCLEAR IRAN

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A **Clarion Call** to arms for every member of the American Security Council Foundation family: urge our members of Congress to vote **YES** on the disapproval resolution which will **prevent** the pending Iran nuclear deal from ratifying.

Some of you may have seen the full-page ad in the New York Times, in which 214 retired generals and admirals called for Congress to reject the Iran deal. This ad followed a letter in which these retired flag officers warned Congress of the dangers inherent in the impending nuclear deal with Iran. In their letter they stated, "In our professional opinion, far from being an alternative to war, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action makes it likely that the war the Iranian regime has waged against us since 1979 will continue, with far higher risks to our national security interests. Accordingly, we urge the Congress to reject this defective accord."

As the Chairman of the Board of the American Security Council Foundation, I join with these patriots in asking the American people who truly care about our national security and freedom to reach out to their representatives in Congress and urge them to reject this deal, which will certainly be a harbinger of perilous times to come if we don't step up and put a stop to it.

It is incredibly hard to believe that our Commander-in-Chief and leaders in Washington could put forth such a dangerous deal which supports a terrorist state and terrorism in general. The nuclear related economic sanctions, although not perfect, have had a profound impact on Iran's economy. Removing these sanctions, will funnel more resources, not only to the Islamic regime, but also to terrorist groups throughout the Middle East. This so called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action not only jeopardizes our own national security interests, but also puts Israel, our most dependable ally in the Middle East, in great jeopardy.

America must take a stand and reject this plan which only seeks to weaken and destabilize our national security; we must get back to the strategy of **Peace Through Strength**, under which President Ronald Reagan, and later President George H. W. Bush, brought down the Berlin wall and the Soviet Union without the firing of a single shot. To ensure our safety and that of our allies we urgently need to return to our successful foreign policy based on a strategy of **Peace Through Strength** while emphasizing the four pillars of economic strength, diplomatic strength, military strength, and moral leadership.

At a time when we are greatly reducing the capability of our military by cutting back our forces to dangerously weak levels, we cannot afford to make such critical mistakes in foreign-policy. We cannot support rogue states who hate the United States and everything we stand for; who have vowed to "raise the flag of Islam over the White House."

While we are making contact with members of Congress, let us also remind them of the importance of a strong military. We must urge them to stop crippling our armed forces with massive personnel and budget cuts, and to take action to ensure that the United States of America will continue to foster the best equipped, the best trained, and the best led military in the entire world. Again, please join the ASCF and the 214 retired flag officers in compelling Congress to reject this dangerous Iran deal. America's best days can still be ahead of us, and America can remain the beacon of freedom, hope, and justice for the entire world to see. Let's continue working together to keep America free and strong!

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