

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

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President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
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Dear President Biden,

We are concerned about media reports that your administration is close to finalizing an agreed pathway for the U.S. to return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the Iran deal, and the sanctions relief that would in turn be provided to Iran. Specifically, the financial relief that would be granted to Iran would allow the regime in Tehran to further finance Hamas, a U.S.-designated terrorist group that has launched thousands of rocket attacks at the State of Israel and its citizens. We believe this agreement would adversely affect the U.S., Israel, and regional security. We therefore urge you to forgo a return to the JCPOA and to not lift any sanctions currently imposed on Iran.

It is well known that the Iranian regime, which routinely abuses the human rights of its own population, finances terrorism throughout the Middle East and beyond, including terrorist groups like Hamas. It is for this reason that Iran has been designated a State Sponsor of Terrorism by the Department of State since 1984. At the end of an eleven-day conflict instigated by Hamas, which launched over 3,000 rockets towards schools, homes, and houses of worship in major Israeli population centers that resulted in the deaths of twelve Israeli civilians, it is concerning that your administration is still pursuing a return to the JCPOA.

This would provide Iranian leaders the undeserving gift of financial sanctions relief. The lifting of U.S. sanctions would directly and monetarily benefit Iranian banking, finance, and energy sectors, among others, in excess of hundreds of millions of dollars. The Iranian regime routinely encourages a 'Death to America' ideology and is a direct safety threat for our women and men in uniform stationed in the region. It is perplexing that your administration is prepared to allow Iran, a country that denies Israel's right to exist, the opportunity to reap the benefits of participating in global commerce while remaining a leading financier of terrorism.

You have publicly stated that "the United States supports Israel's right to fully defend itself against indiscriminate rocket attacks from Hamas, and other Gaza-based terrorist groups that have taken the lives of innocent civilians in Israel." We thank you for those words and urge you to reinforce them with action by not providing sanctions relief for Iran. A return to the JCPOA would materially benefit Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist groups and bad actors in the region aiming to compromise Israel's security and increase the threat towards American troops.

We have witnessed a rise in anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric and actions from some quarters in our country during this most recent conflict, which is unacceptable. The safety and security of Israel should not be a partisan issue, and threats to our local Jewish communities'

safety will not be tolerated. One immediate and tangible action you could take to make this clear would be forging a return to the JCPOA and not providing any sanctions relief for the Iranian regime.

Sincerely,



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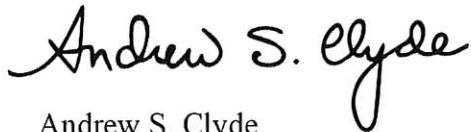
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