



URGE CONGRESS TO REJECT THE IRAN AGREEMENT

Over the coming months, the eyes of the nation, and of the Jewish community, will be riveted on members of the United States Congress as it determines whether to support the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which was negotiated over a period of 20 months between United States and other world powers and Iran. JCPOA is intended to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, a development that would pose a grave threat to the United States, Israel and the stability of the Middle East.

Agudath Israel of America believes that JCPOA – while containing several positive elements – does not contain the iron-clad safeguards that, given the extreme dangers involved, must absolutely be built into any workable agreement with Iran. Indeed, serious questions have been raised about various aspects of the agreement, including:

1. Nuclear facilities will not be dismantled, thus leaving Iran's nuclear infrastructure intact and operative. This will allow a path to a nuclear weapon in a few years, if not sooner.
2. There will be no right to inspect suspect sites on an "anytime, anywhere" basis. Inspectors have to give 14 days notice – which can be extended to 24 days. This will give the Iranians ample time to remove evidence of violations in regard to various aspects of the agreement.
3. Iran is one of the world's major sponsors of terrorism. Lifting the sanctions will provide the country use of the \$150 billion currently found in foreign bank accounts, and potentially to hundreds of billions of dollars more in foreign investment and oil revenue. This will result in even greater support for international terrorism and transfers of arms and money to countries allied with Iran and its aims.
4. Under the agreement, key restrictions on arms will be lifted over time. After 5 years, the ban on the purchase and sale of conventional weapons would be removed and after 8 years restrictions on long range missiles (with the capacity of reaching the U.S.) would end. (Limitations on conventional weapons and ballistic missiles can end sooner than these time frames if IAEA comes to the "broader conclusion" that Iran is found to be "in compliance." After 10 years, Iran will be able to install advanced centrifuges, which will allow it to produce nuclear fuel faster and more efficiently and, after 15 years, Iran will be allowed to produce as much nuclear fuel as it wishes. Rather than prevent Iran's acquisition of a nuclear bomb, it will give it the capacity to build nuclear weapons freely and expeditiously.
5. There has never been any question about Iran's lack of trustworthiness and animus toward the U.S. and Israel. Chants of "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" continue

to be heard in Teheran by the country's leadership *even after the agreement was announced*. There is absolutely no reason to doubt that Iran has every intention of carrying out its threat of using nuclear arms against the U.S. and Israel.

Because of the urgency of this matter and the limited time frame in which to act, we call upon our members to: (1) organize and arrange meetings between community leaders and Senators and Representatives in their state/district offices during the August recess, and (2) contact your Senators and Representatives by email, phone or fax. However you communicate with your elected official, ***it is important that you clearly convey the message that they should not support JCPOA and that they should vote to reject lifting the sanctions***. You may incorporate any of the points outlined above or use the sample letters below. Of course, all messages should be expressed in a respectful manner.

For contact information for your Senators and Representatives, click here: OpenCongress.org or call 202-225-3121 to reach Senate and House members through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard.

Sample letters to Members of Congress on Iran Nuclear Deal

Please include your name and mailing address to identify yourself as a constituent.
To find out the positions of the Members of Congress on this issue, click on this link: [The Hill](#)

Email to Undeclared Senator/Representative

Dear Senator/ Representative__:

I urge you to oppose the Iran agreement and to keep the sanctions in place. There are too many uncertainties and unreasonable risks, and the stakes are enormous. Also, every deal is ultimately based on trust and there is every reason to believe that the Iranians, who (as the Obama Administration admits) have consistently lied and broken past agreements, will cheat on this one as well.

Though the deal is intended to prevent the Iranian regime from developing a nuclear bomb, the fact that the leaders continue to preach "death to America" and "death to Israel" *even after agreement has been reached* clearly demonstrates that their true motivation is to use the agreement to actually develop and use such a bomb to bring destruction upon the U.S, Israel and the entire Middle East.

Again, I urge you to oppose the Iran agreement.

Sincerely yours,

Email to Senators/Representatives Who Have Expressed Opposition

Dear Senator/Representative___:

I am writing to thank you for your decision to oppose the Iran agreement. I believe very strongly that the deal is fraught with much danger for the U.S., Israel and the entire region. There are too many uncertainties and risks, and our negotiating "partner" is simply not to be trusted.

I thank you for analyzing the Iran agreement carefully and congratulate you for appreciating its consequences, and for having the courage to say "no" despite enormous pressure.

Sincerely yours,

Email to Senators/Representatives Who Have Expressed Support

Dear Senator/Representative___:

I have heard that you have decided to support the Iran deal and to discontinue the sanctions. I am writing to express my deep disappointment and strongly urge you to reconsider that decision.

The deal contains too many uncertainties and unreasonable risks, and the stakes are enormous. Also, every deal is ultimately based on trust and there is every reason to believe that the Iranians, who (as the Obama Administration admits) have consistently lied and broken past agreements, will cheat on this one as well.

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