

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 14, 2013

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

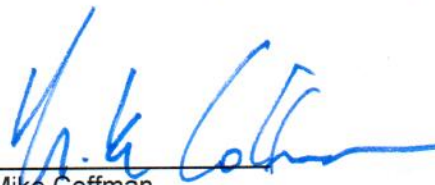
We are writing to express our deep concern about the Administration's negotiations with the Islamic Republic of Iran over its nuclear program. Although the recent P5+1 negotiations ended without a deal, recent assessments still show the United States and Iran are working toward an interim agreement that would trade limited relief from economic sanctions in exchange for concessions from Iran on its nuclear enrichment and its stockpile. We understand that the next round of talks is scheduled to be held in one week.

It is very troubling that while we are negotiating with Iran, a country led by individuals who have proven they cannot be trusted, who call for the destruction of Israel, and who support international terrorism, Tehran continues enriching uranium. The sanctions we have placed on Iran are having an impact: oil exports have been cut in half, the value of its currency has decreased, inflation has dramatically increased, and their economy is in tatters. The depressed state of the Iranian economy led millions of Iranians to elect as president the least extreme candidate, Hassan Rouhani. We should not be fooled by the new president's soothing rhetoric, however, as the real power players in the country are Ayatollah Khamenei and the Revolutionary Guard.

Although the Administration seems intent on moving forward on reaching a deal with Iran, Congress still has a prominent role to play when it comes to removing the sanctions, which are what has driven Iran to the negotiating table. It is clear that Iran's actions, not words, must determine any American decision to provide sanctions relief. Furthermore, we believe that a "freeze" on Iran's nuclear program is neither sufficient nor wise. The bottom line is that we should not relax a single sanction until the Iranian government terminates its program of nuclear enrichment beyond what would be needed for peaceful purposes, as verified by international inspectors.

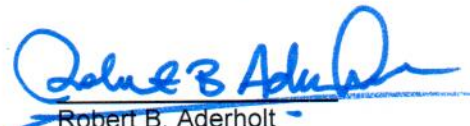
We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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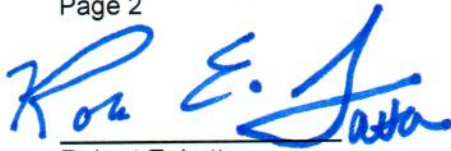

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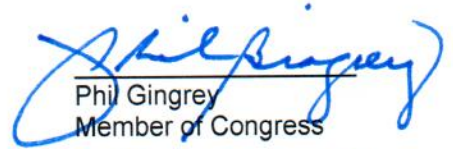

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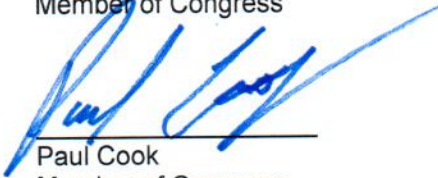
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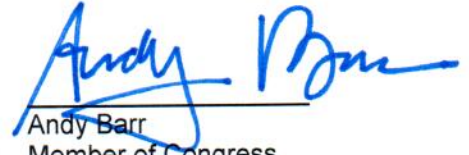
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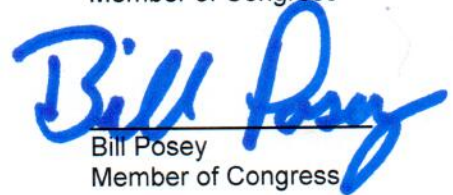
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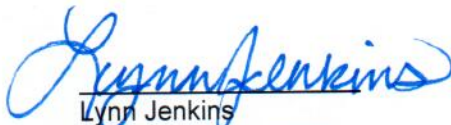
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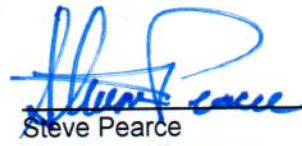
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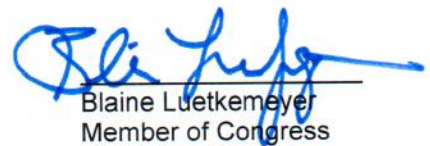
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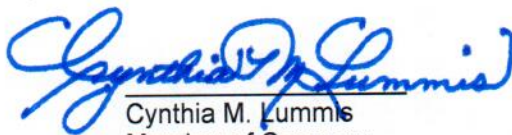
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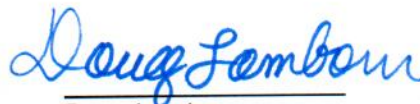
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