

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

August 21, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
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We write to express our full support for your maximum pressure campaign on the authoritarian regime in Iran and for your invocation of the United States' legal right under United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2231 to snapback all pre-Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) sanctions on the world's number one state sponsor of terrorism. The Iranian regime is in clear and self-admitted violation of its nuclear commitments under the JCPOA, and snapback was necessary to defend the U.S. and its allies from the existential threat of a nuclear Iran.

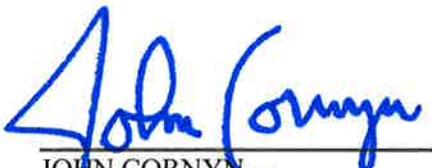
Under your and Secretary Pompeo's leadership, the State Department rightfully stated that the U.S. will not allow the arms embargo on Iran to expire on October 18, 2020. The U.S. engaged in good faith to exhaust every other possible option to extend the arms embargo. Snapback was the only remaining path to prevent Russia and China from providing the leading state sponsor of terrorism millions of dollars of state-of-the-art military equipment which will be used to further destabilize the Middle East.

On May 8, 2018, you rightfully withdrew the U.S. from the disastrous Obama Administration nuclear deal that provided the Iranian regime a clear path to a nuclear weapon and billions of dollars to fund its terrorist proxy network. Since then, your maximum pressure campaign has starved the regime's proxies of their funds, killed the head of Iran's global terrorist network, and united our partners in the Middle East in historic new ways. Snapback finally puts an end to the Obama Administration's failed attempt at appeasing the Ayatollah and sends a clear message to the regime that the only way forward is to cease with its attempts to destabilize the Middle East and agree to complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization.

We will continue to invite our European allies to join us in deterring Iran's nuclear ambitions, but it was clear that until the JCPOA was terminated they would attempt to preserve the flawed accord, even in the face of blatant Iranian violations. Snapback presents an explicit choice to all nations: stand for the rule of law or violate binding UNSCRs to support a murderous regime seeking a nuclear weapons capability. For all law-abiding nations, the correct decision is clear. The U.S. is committed to working with our allies to secure a deal with Iran that would permanently remove Tehran's ability to build a nuclear weapon and to spread terror across the world.

Thank you for your leadership in confronting the Iranian regime and your decisive action to snapback UN sanctions.

Sincerely,



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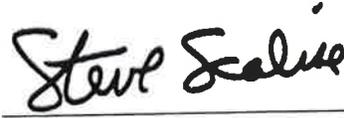
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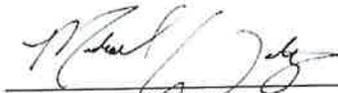
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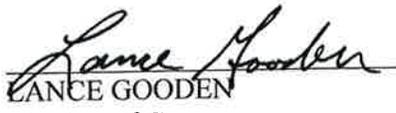
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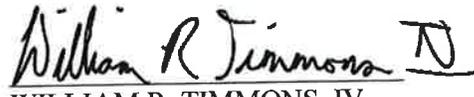
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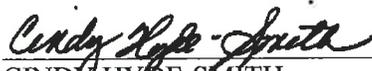
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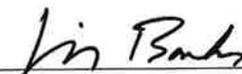
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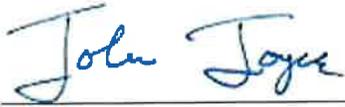
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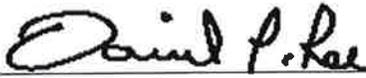
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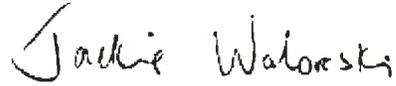
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CC: The Honorable Michael Pompeo, Secretary of State