



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

November 22, 2016

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We urge you not to take any action that would weaken United States or multilateral sanctions or other restrictions against Iran in the post-election period.

In the coming days, we expect that Congress will send you legislation to extend the Iran Sanctions Act for ten years. We look forward to your signature on this measure to ensure that this critical tool remains available to the incoming administration.

However, this should be the only step your administration takes in its final months regarding restrictions on Iran. We respectfully request that your administration take no further actions designed to bolster international investment in Iran, or otherwise change or alter the existing sanctions regime within international organizations through the use of waivers or through administrative actions to include the issuance of new regulations, general licenses, frequently asked questions, or other guidance.

In your speech on Wednesday, November 9, you admirably committed to ensuring a smooth transition to the next administration. President-elect Trump deserves the opportunity to assess United States policy toward Iran without your administration imposing or implementing additional measures that could complicate the incoming administration's ability to develop its policy.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Paul D. Ryan in blue ink.

Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker

Handwritten signature of Kevin McCarthy in blue ink.

Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader

Handwritten signature of Ed Royce in blue ink.

Ed Royce  
Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee