

HOW TO PREVENT A NUCLEAR IRAN



1 STAY INFORMED OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Visit www.unitedagainstnucleariran.com, www.jewishpublicaffairs.org, www.ajc.org/iran, www.theisraelproject.org, www.adl.org/iran and www.aipac.org/iran. The coalition of organizations that prepared this flyer has developed a website with Los Angeles Activism Opportunities and Resources where you can sign up for action alerts sharing opportunities locally to help prevent a nuclear Iran (www.30yearsafter.org/iranaction).

2 PLAN AND ATTEND LOCAL EVENTS

Invite expert speakers to community forums to engage and inform our community about the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, support of terrorism and drive for nuclear weapons. For information on upcoming demonstrations, visit www.standwithus.com.

3 LEVERAGE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS AND BE AN ADVOCATE

Talk to colleagues, friends, and family. Rabbis and those involved in interfaith activities should engage their partners. Stress Iran's human rights violations; Iran's support for terrorism in Argentina, Lebanon, and Gaza; Iran's alliances with radical regimes in Syria and Venezuela; Iran's violations of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; and Iran's illegal and dangerous nuclear program, which has defied the United Nations Security Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iran is a threat to the United States, Israel, and the world, and we must respond with economic and diplomatic pressure. Sign petitions that demand action (www.unitedagainstnucleariran.com/30-years-after).

4 UTILIZE THE MEDIA

Be alert for opportunities to write letters to the editor of your local and/or op-ed pieces supporting diplomatic and financial pressure on Iran. Call in to radio shows when they discuss Iran. It is critical that our community respond assertively, quickly, and publicly to misinformation being disseminated to the public by Iran, its proxies, and countries aligned with Iran against the United States.

5 DIVEST PERSONAL INVESTMENTS AND PUBLIC FUNDS

Divestment from Iran is an important economic tool by which to exert pressure. Urge your city, county, and state officials to make certain that pension funds and financing not be done through vehicles which benefit Iran's energy or financial sectors. Publicly acknowledge and support public officials who take a stand. Also, divest personal investments from companies that continue to do business in Iran; these include: Siemens, Nokia, Mitsubishi, Nestle, Royal Dutch Shell, and many more. Visit www.uani.com/ibr for a list of companies and actions.

6 SHOW YOUR PUBLIC SUPPORT

Download and display signs from www.adl.org/iran/iran_posters.asp or www.standwithus.com/signs/iran. Publicly display signage on our institutional and synagogue property urging that we must prevent a nuclear Iran. It demonstrates our community's commitment to keep the issue of a nuclear Iran before the public.

7 LOBBY YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUPPORT SANCTION LEGISLATION

Urge your senators and representatives to tighten sanctions on companies doing business with Iran. Ask your Representative to co-sponsor and support the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act (H.R.2194), Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009 (H.R.1327), and the Iran Diplomatic Enhancement Act of 2009 (H.R.1985). Urge members of the Financial Services and Foreign Affairs Committees to move these bills forward and to vote for them.

LETTER WRITING TIPS

Media

- Include your full name, title/organization, address, daytime phone, email address and signature.
- Refer to the article/item - identify its title/date - or mention the specific event.
- Be Brief: Limit your letter to 200 words, and keep to 1-2 point, which you state in the first sentence.
- Don't get emotional - Stick to the facts. Refute or support specific points, address relevant details that are ignored, avoid attacking the media/newspaper. Do not personally attack the reporter/columnist, but rather his/her views.
- Keep your audience in mind. Who reads this source? What arguments are likely to resonate with them? Remember, you are trying to convince others.
- Be timely: It can take a week before a letter is printed - respond the same day the article is broadcast or published.

Elected Officials

- Be Brief: Limit your letter to one page.
- Keep to one or two points: State your concern in the opening sentence. What do you want your representative to do, and why should he/she do it? Edit your letter before sending it; delete unnecessary phrases or words.
- Be Focused: Concentrate on the Resolution to create one very forceful and convincing point. Branching off on other topics will dilute your message.
- Be Factual: Facts, quotes, and statistics strengthen your letter's credibility and will educate the Representative. Personal opinions lacking evidence are easily dismissed by the representative and his/her staff. Hostility or bitterness will undermine your integrity.
- Be Gracious: Thank the Representative or Senator for their consideration of the Resolution.

Sample Letters

Dear Editor:

Iran's drive to obtain nuclear weapons, coupled with its refusal to cooperate with the United Nations Security Council, is a cause for grave concern. Iran is violating a UN Security Council demand for the suspension of all uranium enrichment and reprocessing activities. A nuclear-armed Iran will have profound implications for the Middle East and the rest of the free world.

Iran is willing to wreak havoc across borders as demonstrated by its financial and military support for Islamic fundamentalists in Russia, China, Lebanon, Argentina and elsewhere. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has stated that Iran has already enriched uranium and will not stop. He denies that the Holocaust occurred and talks about wiping Israel off the map. Meanwhile, Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khomeini has threatened to use nuclear weapons in a first-strike attack.

Lastly, the Iranian regime's violent suppression of peaceful protesters since the June 12 elections makes clear that this regime is a human rights violator that cannot be trusted with the world's most dangerous weapons. The international community must work aggressively through economic and diplomatic pressure to prevent the Iranian regime from obtaining nuclear weapons, before it is too late

Dear Congressman _____:

As a constituent, I urge you to co-sponsor and support two House measures that are intended to enhance economic disincentives for Iran's continued pursuit of nuclear weapons capability. The measures are the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009 (H.R.1327), introduced by Rep. Frank, and the Iran Diplomatic Enhancement Act of 2009 (H.R.1985), introduced by Reps. Andrews, Kirk and Sherman. Iran is perilously close to nuclear arms capability. The International Atomic Energy Agency's February 19 report reveals that Iran has already crossed a significant threshold – amassing enough enriched uranium to make, with further enrichment, its first nuclear bomb, while defying an escalating series of UN Security Council Resolutions and denying full access to IAEA inspectors. The Iranian regime could marry a nuclear warhead with advanced missiles it already possesses, enabling that rogue regime to strike anywhere in the Middle East and much of Europe. The urgency of the threat, and the severe consequences of failing to end it, compels Congress to intensify existing sanctions efforts.

Oil and gas exports account for some 80 percent of Iran's export revenue and about half the government's budget. The regime relies on foreign companies to develop its energy industry, and even to provide it with gasoline for domestic use - because it does not have refining capacity to meet its own needs. Foreign energy companies essentially sustain Iran's economy and regime. The United States has played a critical role in mobilizing world powers to impose tough economic and financial-sector sanctions against Iran; new measures directed at constricting Iran's access to refined oil would increase the penalty Iran pays for continuing to violate its treaty obligations and threatening regional and global security.

The two new House measures would expand and strengthen U.S. sanctions on Iran. H.R.1327 would authorize state and local governments and investment companies to divest their holdings in companies that invest more than \$20 million in Iran's energy sector – responding to growing grassroots efforts to assure that public pension and other funds not indirectly subsidize Iran's nuclear program. The Iran Diplomatic Enhancement Act H.R.1985 would seek to dramatically reduce exports to Iran of refined petroleum products; with Iran importing 40 percent of its gasoline, such a restriction could profoundly affect the country's policy choices.

The United States must continue to lead the world in trying to thwart Iran's nuclear ambitions. Even as the Administration explores new diplomatic options, I believe that – with Tehran racing toward weapons capability – the simultaneous intensification of sanctions on Iran is critical; diplomacy with Iran will not succeed without accompanying, effective sanctions. The two House measures take important steps in that direction, sending the message that halting Iran's reckless nuclear drive remains an urgent U.S. priority.

Thank you for considering my views.

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