

Attn: Chairman Thornberry and Ranking Member Smith

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House Armed Service Committee

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Washington, DC 20515

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RE: The United States of America's settlement agreement with Iran regarding their nuclear program

Chairman Mac Thornberry and Ranking Member Adam Smith,

My name is Isaiah X. Smith and I am writing you this letter for the purpose of notifying the United States House Armed Service Committee that I strongly support President Barack Obama's negotiations with Iran regarding the nuclear settlement agreement. I urge the House Armed Service Committee to read this letter and to respond appropriately to this letter. I also urge you to not oppose President Obama's settlement with Iran and to fully support the President's landmark deal.

I. General Information

There is somewhat of an issue among some political figures that is in regards to President Barack Obama's settlement agreement with Iran regarding the Iranian nuclear program. Prior to the White House's settlement agreement with Iran regarding "nuclear" issues, Iranian nuclear activities were not monitored and they were not prevented from engaging in certain activities that would help them quickly advance their nuclear agenda. Now thanks to the White House's settlement agreement, Iranian nuclear activities will be monitored and they will be prevent from engaging in certain activities that would help them quickly make a nuclear weapon of mass destruction.

For the purpose of helping to obtain world peace, President Barack Obama entered into a sole executive agreement with Iran. Thanks to the settlement agreement again, Iran is no longer allowed to follow their same footpaths that they were taking prior to the official settlement agreement. Specifically, some of the things that the agreement tackles is by making sure that Iran's nuclear activities will not be unmonitored, their stockpiles of enriched uranium will be reduced, the number of Iran's centrifuges will be reduced by two-thirds, and for Iran to acquire the material for nuclear purposes will not be 2-3 months but will now be one year. Also Iran's potential pathway to the creation of a nuclear bomb has been blocked, thanks to how the settlement agreement will not allow enriched uranium at the Natanz facility and at the Fordow facility. Iran will no longer be able to have weapon grade plutonium or covert attempts to have fissile material.

I would like to make sure that the House Armed Service Committee knows that the President's deal with Iran is a "sexy" deal. It is "sexy" because that deal may have saved the entire world from being in a major war over the prevention of a country obtaining nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

II. **What are sole executive agreements?**

A "**sole executive agreement**" is a "**settlement agreement**" that is established pursuant to the president's authority in foreign policy, as commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the United States, from an act of Congress, or from a treaty. The President of the United States has a right to enter into "**sole executive agreements.**" As I have stated in my letter to the Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs, sole executive agreements have been used by past Presidents of the United States. Therefore a "**sole executive agreement**" that President Barack Obama entered into is not illegal or unconstitutional. **See attachment A below for a copy my letter to Iran, which was read by a Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama an official has confirmed with me.**

Sole executive agreements have been used for a very long time by former Presidents of the United States of America; and for re-clarification, those types of agreements are made by the president's administration. In the past, the United States Supreme Court has allowed many of such agreements to take place. See for example (s) **Dames & Moore v. Regan, 453 U.S. 654 (1981)** and **American Insurance Association v. Garamendi, 539 U.S. 396 (2003)**.

A very common "**sole executive agreement**" that the President of the United States regularly enters into is called "**status of forces agreements.**" Those agreements are for the commander-in-chief to negotiate and to enter into and those agreements govern the treatment and the disposition of the United States Armed Forces that are deployed in other foreign countries.

Treaties according to American Constitutional Law are extremely different from "**sole executive agreements.**" That is because the United States Constitution's procedure regarding treaties with foreign nations requires the advice and the consent of two-thirds of the Senate, and those agreements are made by the President of the United States. Thus, what the President of the United States has negotiated is not officially considered a treaty, but is officially a "**sole executive agreement.**"

III. **Diplomacy is extremely important and war should only be used a last resort**

The President of the United States is the commander-in-chief of the United States Armed Forces. His or her job is to make sure that there is good diplomatic relations between the United States and with our allies. The President's job is to also negotiate and to enter into settlement agreements (sole executive agreements) with our enemies for the purpose of doing our best to establish peace.

Some political figures in Congress have been very opposed as to the way in which the White House is being run, particularly in regards to the nuclear settlement agreement between the White House and Iran. The individuals that are hypocritical of the historic deal have been stating how much they are against the deal while not giving a solution as to how they would have solved the problem. Some political figures have also pointed to war with Iran when at this point in time war is very unnecessary and would be mean, costly and uncalled for. Declaring war with a country should not be the first option on the plate and war with Iran should not “currently” be on the table due to an achieved “**diplomatic settlement agreement.**”

IV. **Conclusion**

I am again extremely proud of the “**diplomatic settlement agreement**” that the White House has entered into with Iran. By the United States of America, through President Barack Obama, reaching a deal with the Iranian Government on its nuclear program shows the world that the United States is willing to first try our best to solve our issues that we have with another country diplomatically and not with aggression. Not only was diplomacy established but we as a country have achieved our goal.

As a country we must not let politics undermine the lawful actions that the President of the United States can enter into. As a country, Democrats and Republicans, we all should be working together for the common good. By some members of Congress who decided to write to Iran in opposition to the “**sole executive agreement**” involving the President Barack Obama, that type of “**treasonist insubordination**” has got to stop and that is a national embarrassment! The other major world powers in our world will surely not follow in those footsteps because they understand the concept of “**United We Stand and Divided We Fall.**” Plus their officials will not want to embarrass their own country.

I strongly urge the United States House Armed Service Committee to fully support the Iranian Nuclear Deal. I also urge the United States House Armed Service Committee to not attempt to undermine the lawful “**nuclear settlement deal**” between the United States of America and with Iran.

Please note that this letter is not legal advice and is therefore not intended to be taken as legal advice. Thanks to the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, I have a right to voice my opinion appropriately on this very important issue. All information contained in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

V. Acknowledgement Letter

If the United States House Armed Service Committee, a representative of such committee or any member of the committee needs to contact me, you can preferably reach me via electronic mail at: iscampaign@usa.com. You can also reach me via mail at:

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ATTACHMENT A

Attn: H.E Mohammad Javad Zarif

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Sent via: ***Mail and Email***

April 17th, 2015

Re: ***47 GOP Senators Letter to Islamic Republic of Iran regarding Nuclear Negotiations***

His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Javad Zarif,

I am writing you this letter in response to 47 United States Grand Old Party (GOP) members of the Republic Party who sent your government a letter regarding the nuclear negotiations between your nation and between the White House. Therefore I ask your government to read this letter and to please respond to this letter appropriately. As you may already know, I have a right under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and a right under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to voice my opinion appropriately on this very important affair. I hope that you will enjoy reading this letter.

I. International Affairs and the United States

International affairs have been an interest of the United States Government to be involved in, and that is something that I believe the United States will and should always be involved in. I also think that your country's government has a right to voice your opinion on different foreign affairs issues, such as at the United Nations. Associated with foreign policy are negotiations and the establishment of agreements. The White House is a part of the Federal Government of the United States and establishing and making negotiations is a federal issue and should always be that way. Past Presidents of the United States have always been involved in negotiations and agreements with foreign nations. Therefore President Barack Obama who is engaging in the same activities is not illegal or unconstitutional.

Regarding the Nuclear Negotiations Agreements between the White House and with your foreign nation, what the current President of the United States (President Barack Obama) is doing is merely again in my opinion legal and is to what I would define as a "***sole executive agreement.***" Sole executive agreements have been used for a very long time by former Presidents of the United States of America; and those types of agreements are made by the President's administration. In the past, the United States Supreme Court has allowed many of such agreements to take place. See for example (s) ***Dames & Moore v. Regan, 453 U.S. 654 (1981) and American Insurance Association v. Garamendi, 539 U.S. 396 (2003).***

Another example of a “**sole executive agreement**” that the President of the United States can legally enter into is by negotiating and entering into Status of Forces Agreements. Those agreements are for the commander-in-chief to negotiate and to enter into and those agreements govern the treatment and the disposition of the United States Armed Forces that are deployed in other foreign countries.

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II. Politics

Political affairs in the United States are extremely interesting. This presidency is not the first time in the history of the United States that some members of Congress have questioned the actions of the President of the United States. In 1979, the United States Congress had challenged the termination of a defense treaty by President Jimmy Carter. Some members of the United States Congress decided to take the President of the United States to court regarding that issue. For your information, the case was **Goldwater v. Carter, 444 U.S. 996 (1979)**. In that case, the United States Supreme Court dismissed the plaintiff’s case. Back then Justice Brennan stated in his dissenting opinion that the issue of decision-making authority must be resolved as a matter of constitutional law, not political discretion; accordingly, it falls within the competence of the courts. In the current case regarding President Obama’s negotiations with your country, the issue is political and is not constitutional. If the GOP Republican Senators did want to question the actions of the President of the United States, they could have taken him to court on that issue; however they failed and have not done so. Those GOP Republican Senators most likely understand that the President of the United States has a legal right to enter into **sole executive agreements**. Therefore some of the GOP Republican Senators that have sent your government a letter (should) know and (should) understand that taking the Obama Administration to court regarding the Nuclear Negotiations would be a waste of taxpayers’ money.

III. United We Stand and Divided We Fall

The 47 GOP Republican Senators from the United States of America who wrote your nation a letter that undermines and is an attempt to derail the legal power that the White House is lawfully able to engage in is sad and is extremely asinine. It does not make any sense for several GOP Republican Senators from a different political party than what the President of the United States is in, to believe that they can undermine and attempt to derail a “**sole executive agreement**” between the White House and between the Iranian Government. Countries do not

every need to allow politics to undermine or to attempt to derail the lawful and the just actions of a nation's leader.

IV. *Your country's unsettlement over the GOP's letter*

I would like to remind your foreign government that the White House and Congress have always had disagreements over different policy decisions prior to the Obama Administration being elected into office. That is extremely typical in regards to American politics. It is not typical for some members of Congress to attempt to derail a "***sole executive agreement***" between the White House and another foreign country's government the way that the GOP Republican Senators have done. Therefore I respectfully ask your foreign government to completely disregard and to trash the letter that the GOP Republic Senators had sent to your government. Besides, the next presidential election is coming up. I highly predict that Hillary Clinton, who is an extremely intelligent, classy and educated individual, is most likely going to become the next President of the United States. Of all personages who are currently running for the office of the President of the United States, I believe that Hillary Clinton would be a person who would understand the importance of having and continuing "***nuclear agreements***" with your country. Please remember that personage used to be the head of the United States Department of State. Therefore I believe that she would be perfect at continuing the nuclear negotiations with your country's government, especially because she has had prior experience with working with heads of foreign countries already.

V. *Conclusion*

In conclusion I would like to individually apologize to you all for the actions that some members of the GOP Republican Party who sent an asinine letter to your country for the purpose of undermining and attempting to derail the actions of the lawful and just actions of the White House. I would absolutely love it if your government completely ignored trashed the letter that 47 GOP Republican Senators sent to your country. I would also love it if your government did not judge the actions of the United States Federal Government by the actions of a few. Specifically I am asking your foreign government to keep on working with the White House regarding the Nuclear Negotiations and to not stop doing so because of a letter that as signed by a few GOP Republican Senators. Please keep in mind that those GOP Republican Senators have no legal authority to stop the President of the United States from engaging in a "***sole executive agreement.***"

Another issue that I would like to bring to your country's attention is that the conflict between Iran and Israel is getting very old. I do not understand how two countries could hate each other so much that they would be willing to blow each other up off of existence of Planet Earth. You are humans and you are a part of the human race, therefore you are all the same. It also makes no sense as to why we are trying to establish or are establishing contact with extraterrestrials on other planets while we cannot make peace on Planet Earth with ourselves. I absolutely hope that one day that the head of the Iranian Government and that the head of the Israeli Government will shake hands with one another for the purpose

of establishing peace because sending nuclear weapons to each other and possibly starting a World War III should not be an option on the table.

Feel free to send me a response to this letter to me via electronic mail to: iscampaign@usa.com and also feel free to send me a response letter as well to my campaign's P.O. Box at:

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