

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 16, 2015

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to express our concern over the fact that Russia has begun to deliver S-300 surface-to-air missiles to Iran. We are concerned that the delivery of this advanced missile system violates the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and will empower Iran to begin developing nuclear weapons again, as well as destabilizing an already volatile region. Knowing that this delivery violates the JCPOA, we urge the Administration to immediately restore and continue all relevant sanctions on Iran that have been or will be relaxed under the JCPOA.

The S-300 surface-to-air missiles currently being delivered gives Iran an advanced surface-to-air defense capability unlike anything it previously could deploy. While Russia claims that the S-300 is exclusively a defensive weapon, security experts disagree. According to a June 3, 2015 opinion editorial in *The Hill*, Patrick Megahan and Benham Ben Taleblu of *Militaryedge.org* argue that, "the S-300 would allow Iran offensive capacities beyond its airspace, which could include harassing non-hostile aircraft flying over neighboring countries." As you are aware the JCPOA placed a ban on the sale of offensive weapons to Iran for five years. The S-300 is capable of being deployed as an offensive weapon and therefore is in violation of the JCPOA. *We urge you to immediately void the JCPOA and restore and or continue all relevant sanctions on Iran that have been or will be relaxed under the JCPOA.*

We are also concerned that this sophisticated air defense system removes the deterrent of an American, Israeli, or allied air strike. Without this deterrent Iran may be emboldened to restart its nuclear weapons program. Recent reports also show that Iran has tested medium range ballistic missiles capable of striking Israel or Europe. The combination of the S-300 acquisition and the testing of medium range ballistic missiles may serve to destabilize the entire region. Iran's foes in the area may seek to acquire weapons to counter Iran and contribute to the destabilization of an already insecure region.

The ink on the JCPOA is barely dry and Iran is already seeking to rearm. We have no choice but to re-impose sanctions before Iran, a state sponsor of terror, has the ability to acquire more weapons and harm the interests of the United States and its allies in the region like Israel.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Tom MacArthur
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



Ann Wagner
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



Patrick Meehan
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



Jeff Miller
Member of Congress

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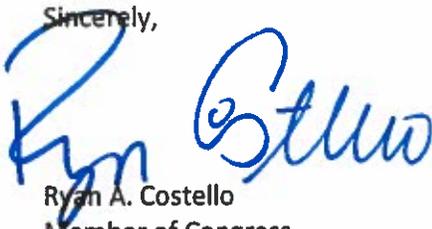
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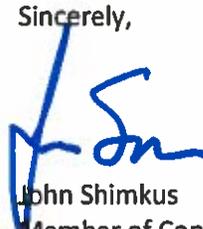
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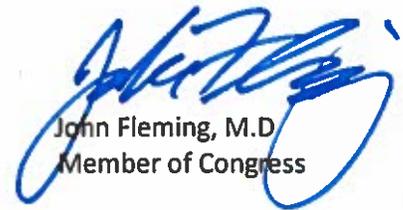
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