

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 9, 2012

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

Ongoing nuclear advances and developments in Iran pose a growing serious threat to the existence of the state of Israel, our most critical ally.

We call upon you to unequivocally support Israel during this time of great upheaval and uncertainty. Since first recognizing Israel as a state in 1948, America has resolutely stood by the Israeli people. Despite this rich and storied friendship, recent events have given detractors an apparent reason to call that relationship into question. Your perceived wavering and equivocal support, coupled with anti-Israel developments in Iran and countries that have experienced Islamist and Salafist upheavals in government related to "Arab Spring," have left many in Israel feeling isolated and abandoned.

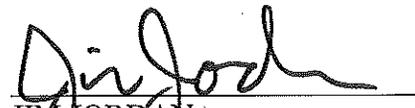
Our relationship has taken a particularly discouraging turn with respect to the starkly different views of Iran held by Israel and your Administration. Israeli leaders have been clear in their concern over the existential threat to Israel that a nuclear Iran represents. Although your Administration has stated that "all options are on the table," you have offered little evidence to back up this statement. Your Administration has consistently downplayed and even potentially frustrated Israel's understandable consideration of the use of force to protect itself. Your equivocation has provided Iran valuable time to continue developing its nuclear program. Israeli leaders now fear that your insistence on talking with the Iranian regime has had reverse consequences and has actually afforded Iran sufficient time to advance its nuclear goals to the extent that Iran now appears to be self-sufficient and self-contained in its quest to become a nuclear armed nation.

We have already waited too long, Mr. President. Now is not the time for platitudes regarding one of the greatest threats Israel has faced.

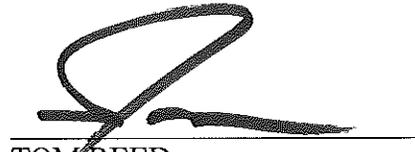
We respectfully request that you and your Administration articulate unwavering support for Israel. We cannot stress strongly enough the need to repair broken relations with Israeli leaders and to make our offer of support and assistance to Israel crystal clear if Israel finds it necessary to take action against Iran, in lieu of your reticence to do so. We cannot abandon our most trusted ally during one of its most trying times in history.

Most sincerely,

  
TRENT FRANKS  
Member of Congress

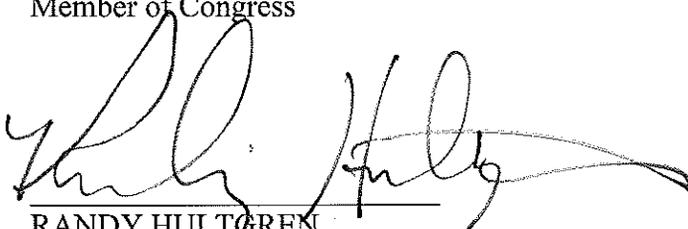
  
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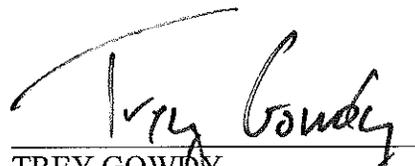
  
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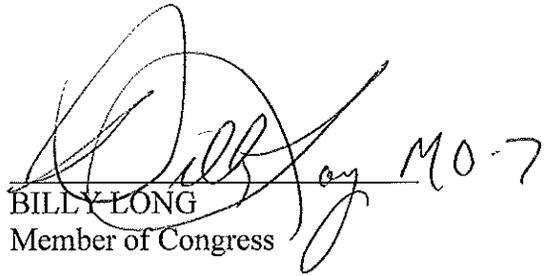
  
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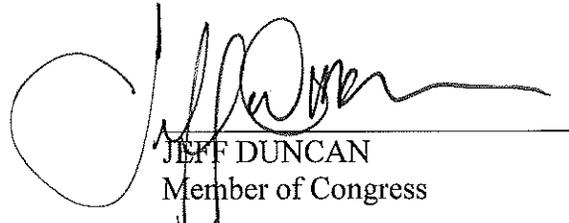


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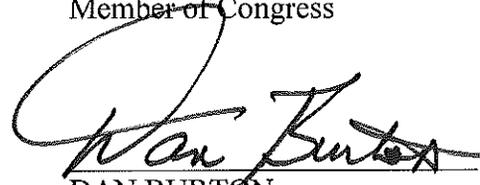
  
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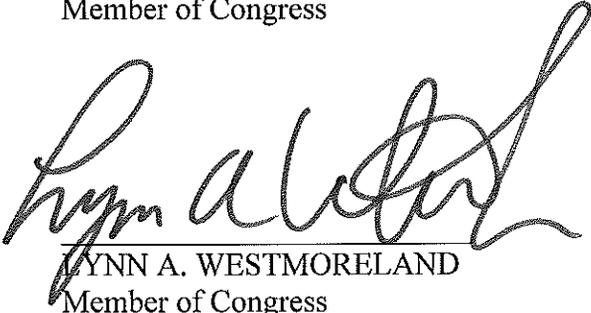
  
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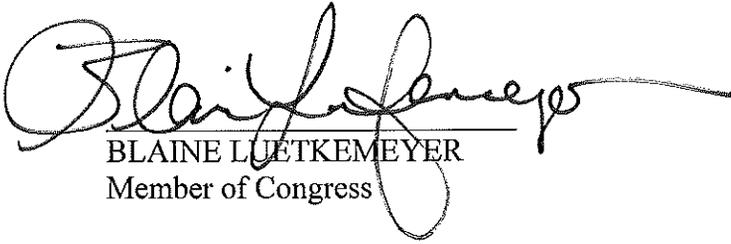
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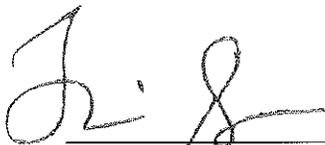
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