

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

March 22, 2022

The Honorable Antony Blinken  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
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Dear Secretary Blinken:

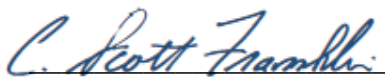
We write you today with grave concerns regarding the ongoing nuclear discussions with Iran and their potential impacts on our partner nations around the world. Specifically, we are deeply concerned about reports that the Biden Administration intends to remove the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) within the confines of a new Iran Nuclear Deal. We are united in strong opposition to any move to legitimize the IRGC's reckless, destabilizing, and antisemitic actions throughout the Middle East.

The IRGC continues to actively participate in acts of terror and destabilizing actions in the region—particularly against one of our closest allies, Israel. It is also a chief supporter and enabler of other FTOs and insurgent groups in the region. These organizations include, but are not limited to: Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Houthi insurgency. The IRGC's actions have led to decades of instability and conflict across the Middle East and the group is responsible for countless deaths, including more than 600 U.S. troops during the occupation of Iraq.

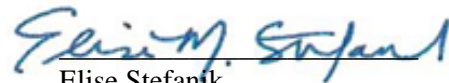
It is critical that we stand by our allies and partner nations and ensure that the IRGC is not given the benefit of removal of sanctions by delisting them as a FTO. This would reward them with greater freedom to increase their malign activities. Additionally, delisting the IRGC as a FTO would significantly bolster their financial resources. Many foreign companies abstain from conducting transactions with the IRGC to gain access to the U.S. market, but would no longer be subject to such restrictions.

Iran is the leading state sponsor of terror and continues to be the greatest threat to regional stability and our ally Israel. It is unconscionable that the United States should fail to exert maximum pressure on an evil and malign organization like the IRGC. We strongly urge against any decision that would legitimize the IRGC and allow them to further threaten democracy & freedom around the world.

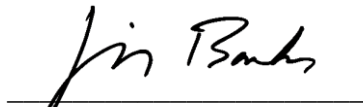
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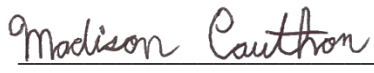
  
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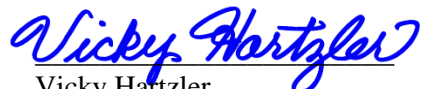
  
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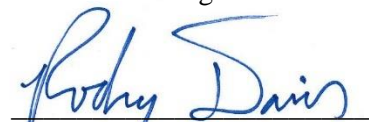
  
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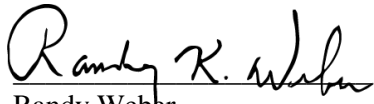
  
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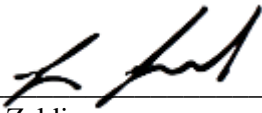
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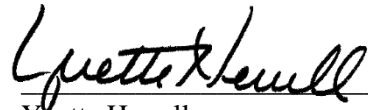
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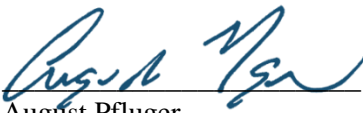
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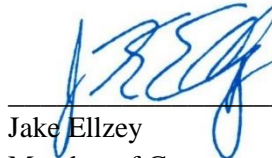
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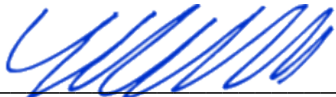
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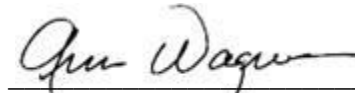
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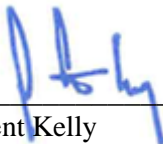
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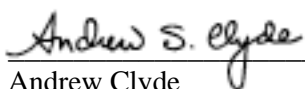
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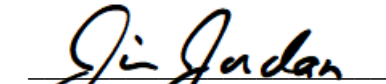
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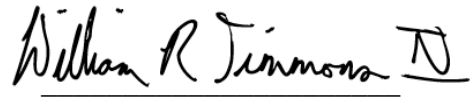
  
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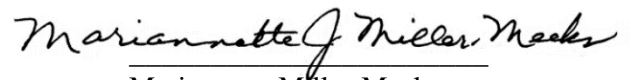
  
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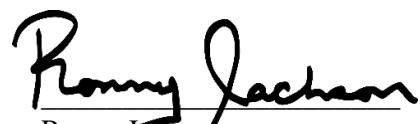
  
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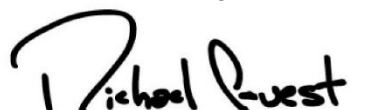
  
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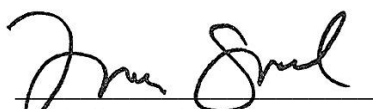
  
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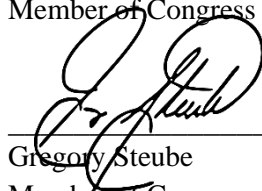
  
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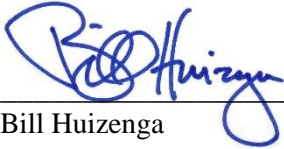
  
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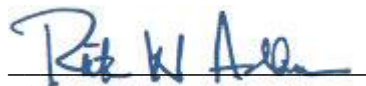
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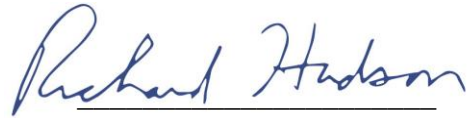
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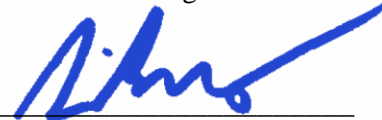
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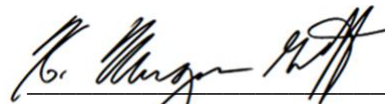
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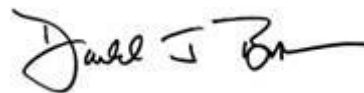
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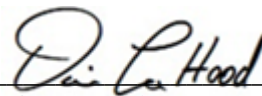
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