



Islamic Republic of Iran

The Islamic Republic of Iran is an existential threat to Israel and a serious threat to the security of the United States and the world. ***The ZOA is firmly opposed to allowing the Islamic terrorist regime, which hates Jews and America, to acquire a military nuclear capability and strongly supports any steps to prevent that outcome. As a result, the ZOA is very supportive of Operation Midnight Hammer in 2025, Operation Epic Fury in 2026, and Operation Economic Fury in 2026.***

ACTION FOR BOTH HOUSE & SENATE:

- **The U.S. should maintain its massive pressure on the Islamic regime.**
 - **Military and economic actions must continue until the Islamic regime gives up its nuclear materials, i.e., its 60% enriched uranium, and any other uranium enriched over 5%.**
 - The U.S. should support the Iranian people with weapons, technology, and money. It is estimated 80 % oppose the regime.
 - The U.S. should continue sanctions on the Islamic regime if it continues to fund and arm terrorist groups, threaten international shipping; develop nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.
- **Iran will surely violate any agreement it signs, as it has in the past.**
- America's security is enhanced when Israel takes independent kinetic actions against the fanatical Islamic regime.

ACTION FOR HOUSE:

- **Urge your Representative to support H.R. 2614, the Maximum Support Act, introduced by Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) & Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA):**
 - Mandates U.S. support for methods including Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to help Iranians bypass state-imposed internet blackouts and censorship;
 - Redirects confiscated Iranian government assets under U.S. jurisdiction to fund humanitarian aid, medical care for protesters, and striking workers;
 - Encourages defecting Iranian officials and security forces; and
 - Calls for terrorism sanctions against Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security to counter the regime's suppression of dissidents abroad.
- **Urge your Representative to support H.R. 7622, the Iran Human Rights, Internet Freedom, and Accountability Act, introduced by Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY) & Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA):**
 - Condemns the Islamic regime's violent suppression of protests- More than 40,000 killed.
 - Extends authorization for the Iran Internet Freedom Grant Program;
 - Requires the development of technologies to bypass Iranian internet shutdowns;
 - Disrupts the financial networks of corrupt Iranian officials by identifying, freezing, and repurposing seized assets to support Iranian dissidents.

ACTION FOR SENATE:

- **Urge your Senator to support S.556, the Enhanced Iran Sanctions Act, introduced by Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) & Sen. Dick Blumenthal (D-CT):** already passed the House
 - Supports the Administration's return to maximum sanctions pressure against Iran;
 - Fills the gaps on existing sanctions legislation and mandates rigorous enforcement.
- **Urge your Senator to enact S.1889, a bill to repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, introduced by Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) & Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH):** already passed the House
 - Makes permanent energy and weapons sanctions from the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

- **Urge your Senator to support S. 3900, the Iran Human Rights, Internet Freedom, and Accountability Act, introduced by Sen. Dave McCormick (R-PA) & Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)**
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TALKING POINTS

- The conflict must end with the removal of the Islamic regime, which is a uniquely dangerous radical Shia Muslim regime that is capable of using nuclear weapons against the U.S.A., Israel and other nations.
 - These extremists despise Jews, Christians, non-Muslims, and even non-Shia Muslims.
 - They also believe that Iranian attacks, including nuclear attacks, will pave the way for the return of their Islamic messiah.
- Iran's ballistic missiles are only useful for delivering nuclear or chemical payloads, and Israel, Europe, U.S. military bases and eventually the U.S. mainland are within range of the missiles Iran has been developing.
- Iran's program is a violation of international law, as the Islamic Republic has signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). This treaty does not allow the regime the right to enrich uranium above 5%.
- Iran has taken every opportunity to demonstrate it is not serious about giving up its pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability.
 - It continues to hide its facilities in underground sites.
 - It has enriched uranium up to 60%, and any enrichment over 5% is useless unless it is used to develop nuclear weapons.
- Iran continues to export its revolutionary ideology abroad by supporting terrorist proxy groups—including Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthis in Yemen and Hamas in Gaza—which carry out attacks on Americans, Israelis, and others, and threaten American, Israeli and international interests and assets.
- Iran has been responsible for the terror deaths or wounding of thousands of Americans in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, and elsewhere.
- The religiously fanatical Iranian regime plotted to murder President Trump, his daughter and son-in-law, and members of his cabinet.
- The Iranian regime continues to chant “Death to America” regularly, and its leader, Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, threatens Americans regularly. He calls America the ‘Big Satan.’
- Iran materially breached the JCPOA (Iran Deal), but under the Biden and Obama administrations, no penalty was assessed.
 - The Obama administration released \$150 billion in previously frozen assets to Iran and relaxed sanctions.
 - The Biden administration released another \$200 billion to Iran in the form of illegal oil sales.
 - The Iranian regime used this money to modernize their military, build up its ballistic missiles and drone forces, and engage in destabilizing actions in the region, including the October 7, 2023 massacre in Israel.
- Iran's economy is very vulnerable to serious sanctions if the U.S. has the will to maintain them. The U.S. has inflicted \$ 175 billion in infrastructure damage and the continuing economic restrictions on the Iranian regime is costing them roughly \$435 million a day.

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The administration and the U.S. Congress must ensure that under any new agreement, the Iranian regime is not a threat to Israel, the U.S. or the world.