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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Re: Reforming the Iran Nuclear Deal (JCPOA) To Prevent A Nuclear Holocaust in the Middle East

This is a plea from a 192-member monthly public-policy study group that I have facilitated for the past 15 years. Its participants from around the country include many attorneys and professors. This plea enjoyed unanimous support from our 192 members.

The Iran Nuclear Deal (JCPOA) may have been the best agreement attainable in 2015 but its most-glaring inadequacies, which were recognized from the start, include –

- (1) It does NOT provide for “anytime anywhere” inspections,
- (2) It does NOT impede at all Iran’s development of nuclear-capable short-range and inter-continental ballistic missiles (which are typically launched with such slogans painted on their sides as “Death to Israel” and “Death to the Big Satan” aka the United States – BTW, Iran Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has often, even in the wake of the JCPOA, led crowds in chants of “Death to America”), and
- (3) It guarantees Iran nuclear weapons by 2030.

We believe –

- (1) A nuclear Iran will immediately cause the so-called “Gulf State Six” to go nuclear!!! After all, they have no more faith in the so-called American “nuclear umbrella” than President Charles de Gaulle who pulled France out of NATO in 1966 in order to develop French nuclear weapons which the U.S. then derisively called the “Force de Frappe.”

[The “Gulf State Six” could immediately buy nuclear weapons from, say, Pakistan or North Korea, if not on the “black market” from a variety of sources.]

[As you know, the ‘Gulf State Six,’ more formally known as the “Gulf Cooperation Council,” comprise Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (aka UAE), Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.]

- (2) A nuclear war between Iran and the “Gulf State Six” might well constitute “Valhalla - The Twilight of The Humans” and would, at the very least, mean that –

- With the world’s prevailing winds flowing from west to east, half of the world’s population could be wiped out by nuclear radiation, and
- With half of the world’s oil supply coming from the Persian Gulf or downwind from the Persian Gulf and becoming radioactive, the world could become impoverished overnight.

Supporters of the Iran Nuclear Deal have argued that Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was born in 1939, is likely to have departed the scene by 2030. However –

(1) Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is just as rabid as his predecessor, Iran Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who ruled Iran from 1979 when The Shah was deposed until 1989.

(2) So why should anyone think that Iran's theocratic dictatorship -- only approved candidates are permitted to run for INFERIOR offices NOT INCLUDING "Supreme Leader" -- would produce a successor for Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who is any different from him or from his predecessor?

(3) After all, the record shows that since 1984, Iran has headed the list of the world's "State Sponsors of Terrorism" (a list that the U.S. State Department is required to maintain under Sec. 6(j) of the Arms Export Control Act and under Sec. 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act and a list it took Iran only 5 years after the Shah was deposed to head continuously for the last 37 years).

(4) And worst of all, Iran's behavior has grown continually worse (rather than better) in the wake of the Iran Nuclear Deal.

Accordingly, we believe –

(1) The imposition of the "snap back" boycott provisions that the Obama Administration so wisely built into the original JCPOA should be maintained and perhaps even increased/broadened if necessary to compel Iran to prove that it is willing to give up its nuclear weapons program, as it has always argued it is willing to do and, indeed, has argued does not even exist.

(2) Proof that it is willing to give up its nuclear program should comprise, at a minimum –

- Anytime, anywhere inspections;
- A ban on development of short-range and inter-continental ballistic missiles; and
- A ban on Iran's ever acquiring nuclear weapons.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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