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AIPAC Applauds House Passage of Resolution Stressing the Importance of Preventing Iranian Nuclear Weapons Capability

Broad, Bipartisan Support for Resolution Stressing Urgency of Tough Political, Economic Measures

AIPAC applauds the House for passing (401-11) a resolution that urges increased pressure on Tehran and affirms that “it is a vital national interest of the United States to prevent the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability.” The resolution ([H. Res. 568](#)) also “rejects any U.S. policy that would rely on efforts to contain a nuclear weapons-capable Iran.”

The House acted only days after the [Associated Press](#) revealed a graphical image of an Iranian explosives chamber on a military base that can be used to help develop a nuclear device. As the evidence of Iran’s illicit activity continues to mount, Congress and the administration must remain united in preventing the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism from acquiring the capability to build an atomic bomb.

The House resolution (H. Res. 568) was spearheaded by Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Ranking Member Howard Berman (D-CA), with the support of Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD). Other original authors of the resolution were Reps. Steve Chabot (R-OH), Gary Ackerman (D-NY), Ed Royce (R-CA), Brad Sherman (D-CA), Tim Scott (R-SC), Alcee Hastings (D-FL), Robert Turner (R-NY) and Ted Deutch (D-FL).

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