

**Congress of the United States**

Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Simon Henry  
Chief Financial Officer  
Royal Dutch Shell plc  
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The Hague  
The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Henry,

It is our understanding that during the recent shareholders meeting of Royal Dutch Shell questions were raised about your company's activities in Iran. It is disturbing to some of us in the U.S. Congress that Shell executives are refusing to provide answers to legitimate investor inquiries and we believe that Shell has an obligation to provide its shareholders with the information they need to make informed investment decisions.

As you may know, a large bi-partisan group of U.S. legislators recently introduced a bill that would authorize the President of the United States to impose sanctions on any company providing Iran with refined petroleum resources. We have been told that Royal Dutch Shell through its subsidiary, Shell International Trading Middle East, provides gasoline to Iran. This activity places all of Royal Dutch Shell at risk of sanction. These sanctions could include a complete freeze on company assets in the United States, the loss of access to U.S. capital markets, a prohibition on carrying out financial transactions in U.S. dollars, and a ban on receiving U.S. government contracts, including oil and gas leases. In general, Royal Dutch Shell could potentially be barred from carrying out any activity in the United States.

Under the worst case scenario, we think you would agree the potential losses to Royal Dutch Shell could be staggering. Investors have a legal right to know what business Shell is doing in Iran and the risks associated with that business. Since you are refusing to provide this information to your shareholders, we are copying this letter to officials at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

We hope that you will give this matter your timely and personal attention.



Dan Burton  
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



Brad Sherman  
Member of Congress

Cc: Mary Schapiro, Commissioner, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
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