

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Office of the President
Harvard University
Massachusetts Hall
Cambridge, MA 02138 USA

Dear President and Fellows of Harvard College,

As Harvard University alumni and members of the United States Congress, we support the student-initiated, student-led movement calling on Harvard to divest from holdings in companies conducting business in Iran's energy sector.

As Iran continues to defy the international community, advancing its nuclear enrichment program in direct defiance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and marching rapidly and dangerously towards attaining nuclear weapons, we commend the students in their efforts to focus attention and take a stand on this issue that has ramifications for the wellbeing not only of the United States, but of all peace-loving nations.

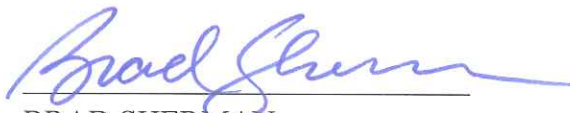
The Iran Sanctions Enabling Act, which enjoys nearly unanimous bipartisan support in both the House and Senate, calls on "states, local governments, educational institutions, and private institutions to seek to disassociate themselves from companies that directly or indirectly support the Government of Iran's efforts to achieve a nuclear weapons capability." This Act has inspired the students at Harvard and others nationwide to seek divestment from companies that enable Iran's nuclear aggression and threats to world peace.

As one of the preeminent educational institutions in the United States, Harvard University should be at the vanguard of such divestment, as it was in 2007 for divestment from companies affiliated with genocide in Darfur.

The United States has designated Iran a state sponsor of terrorism for its military, financial, political, diplomatic, and organizational aid to known terrorist groups. Iran also continues to seek to develop nuclear weapons, in the face of global opposition and offers of diplomacy and compromise.

The pro-democracy rallies in Iran that began in 2009 and continue today were initiated and directed by Iranian students and young people. We call on our alma mater to follow the lead of its own students and take an important moral and financial stand on this issue.

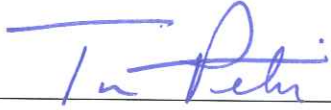
Respectfully,



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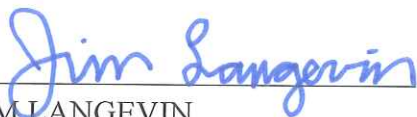
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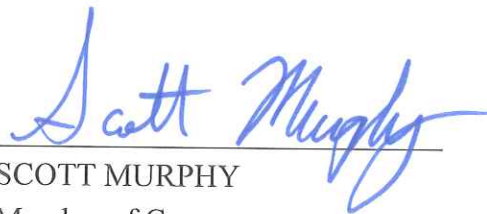
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