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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write in support of your diplomatic efforts with our allies to ensure that Iran never acquires the capability to produce a nuclear weapon. A robust transatlantic alliance is critical to U.S. diplomacy in strengthening enforcement of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and setting expectations for Iran's nuclear program after some restrictions in the agreement end. If an acceptable agreement is reached between the United States and Britain, France and Germany, we are open to considering whether complementary legislation is necessary.

We also believe that the U.S.-Europe talks should be expanded to address Iran's dangerous, destabilizing non-nuclear actions. Just last month, Iran launched a military drone from Syria into Israeli airspace—risking a dangerous escalation in regional tensions and underscoring the threat of Iranian entrenchment in Syria.

Iran also continues to violate United Nations Security Council Resolutions. We are alarmed by the Security Council's inaction given Iran's repeated activities that are inconsistent with Resolution 2231, including ballistic missile tests and violations of arms embargoes. We are equally alarmed that the Security Council failed to adopt a resolution that called out Iran for its violations of Resolution 2216, by violating the Yemen arms embargo as documented by the U.N. independent Panel of Experts.

Last summer, Congress overwhelmingly passed into law the "Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act," which granted the administration new enforcement tools to counter Iran's destabilizing activities and called for a comprehensive regional strategy. We urge you to utilize these expanded congressional authorities to make clear that Iran must end its aggressive activities.

We want again to assure you that you will continue to have our strong support as you pursue these vital objectives.

Sincerely,

Bob Corker
Chairman

Robert Menendez
Ranking Member