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The Honorable Howard L. Berman
Chairman
House Foreign Affairs Committee
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0001

Dear Howard:

I am writing to encourage the House Foreign Affairs Committee to adopt changes should the Committee mark-up H.Con.Res. 362 to dispel misconceptions that the resolution advocates sanctions that would spark a military confrontation with Iran.

I support the resolution, which promotes the use of diplomacy and sanctions to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. It also states that "nothing in this resolution shall be construed as an authorization of the use of force against Iran." Regrettably, some of the sanctions described in the resolution have been mistakenly interpreted as necessitating military enforcement. I believe the Committee should adopt modifications to make it even more explicitly clear that the bill's intent is to achieve a peaceful resolution of tensions with Iran with the help of a broad international coalition and the United Nations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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