



The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear President Biden,

On behalf of 5000 members of the Israel Defense and Security Forum (IDSF), comprised of senior officers from all Israeli services, security and law-enforcement agencies, we respectfully ask you not to sign the nuclear deal with Iran.

Based on our collective experience and assessment, we believe that this deal is catastrophic for American, Israeli and regional security for a broad range of reasons. These three are the most alarming:

- Despite your administration's repeated declared commitment to prevent Iran from attaining nuclear weapons, this agreement creates a clear legal pathway for Iran to obtain nuclear weapons by 2031, while denying the signatories of any tools to prevent that eventuality;
- The deal will unleash a regional nuclear arms race, in which states like Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other Sunni states will seek to either develop or acquire nuclear weapons to mitigate the Iranian threat;
- The deal will deliver a windfall of previously frozen funds to the Islamic Republic of Iran, funds that will undoubtedly, and as past experience shows, be used to export terror and instability throughout the region and beyond, at an unprecedented scale, with the addition of a future nuclear umbrella as a force multiplier.

It remains our view that a credible military threat in combination with crippling economic sanctions and the political resolve to act militarily, if necessary, is the most effective manner to address the Iranian threat.

As a lifelong true friend of the Jewish People and the State of Israel, we urge you not to jeopardize Israel's security by enabling Iran to achieve nuclear military capabilities.

Sincerely,

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