

# Protect Bipartisan Iran Sanctions Amendment to NDAA

**From: The Honorable Theodore E. Deutch**  
**Sent By:**  
**Date: 12/5/2012**

Dear Colleague,

On Tuesday evening, the Senate passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 and the work will soon begin to conference the House and Senate legislation. We write to ask for your support in ensuring that the final conference report protects language authored by Senators Menendez, Kirk, and Lieberman to increase sanctions on Iran. Their amendment to the NDAA recently passed the Senate 94-0.

The inclusion of these bipartisan provisions in the NDAA is a critical next step in our legislative effort to bring crippling economic pressure on the Iranian regime. We are confident that the Menendez-Kirk-Lieberman provisions to help prevent a nuclear-armed Iran enjoy overwhelming support in the House, which is why we are asking you to sign on to our bipartisan letter today. This letter strongly encourages House conferees to support and protect this language in conference committee negotiations, and to resist efforts to weaken or water down the provisions.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this, the letter will close by COB on Friday, December 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Kustin ([casey.kustin@mail.house.gov](mailto:casey.kustin@mail.house.gov)) in Congressman Deutch's office, or David Stern ([david.stern@mail.house.gov](mailto:david.stern@mail.house.gov)) in Congressman Dold's office.

Sincerely,

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December \_\_, 2012

The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon  
Chairman  
Armed Services Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith  
Ranking Member  
Armed Services Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman McKeon and Ranking Member Smith:

As Iran defiantly continues its effort to obtain a nuclear weapon capability, it is imperative that the United States look for new ways to increase the pressure on Iran's leadership. In recent years, Congress has responded aggressively to the Iranian threat, and we believe another significant opportunity exists in the coming weeks to help prevent a nuclear-armed Iran. As the House moves to conference committee to resolve differences with the Senate on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, we write to emphasize the importance of the Menendez-Kirk-Lieberman amendment to increase sanctions on Iran and to offer our full support for its inclusion in the final conference report.

Successive reports from the International Atomic Energy Agency have made clear that despite international opposition, Iran has not abandoned its nuclear ambitions. The Menendez-Kirk-Lieberman provisions are critical next steps in our legislative effort to bring crippling economic pressure on the Iranian regime. This bipartisan language would target Iran's energy, shipping, ship-building and port sectors for additional sanctions, as transactions through these sectors are used to support and fund Iran's nuclear proliferation.

The inclusion of this Menendez-Kirk-Lieberman language in the final conference report would signal to the Iranian regime that they should not question the resolve of the United States Congress to prevent them from acquiring a nuclear weapon. These provisions passed the Senate 94-0, and we are confident they enjoy overwhelming support in the House of Representatives. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to support and protect these efforts to confront Iran's nuclear program in the conference committee, and to resist efforts to weaken or water down the amendment's provisions.

Sincerely,

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