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2014 AIPAC Policy Conference Lobbying Agenda

More than 14,000 community and student activists from all 50 states are gathering this week in Washington for AIPAC's annual Policy Conference. Leading American and Israeli policymakers and opinion leaders are meeting to discuss the key issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship and U.S. Middle East policy.

As part of the conference, delegates will head to Capitol Hill tomorrow — no matter the weather conditions — to meet with their members of Congress about key legislation and initiatives AIPAC is supporting in the House and Senate.

Iran

House

[Cantor-Hoyer Letter](#)

Senate

[Menendez-Graham Letter](#)

Iran Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2013 (S. 1881)

AIPAC delegates will urge lawmakers to sign bipartisan letters to President Obama that delineate the terms for a final agreement and stress the essential role of Congress — particularly if an acceptable deal requires sanctions relief or if a breakdown in talks requires additional sanctions legislation.

The Senate version of the letter was spearheaded by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Charles Schumer (D-NY), Mark Kirk (R-IL), Christopher Coons (D-DE) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH).

The House version was spearheaded by House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) and House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD).

AIPAC delegates will also urge senators to cosponsor the Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2013 (S. 1881), which aims to strengthen U.S. diplomatic efforts to prevent Tehran from achieving a nuclear weapons capability. The legislation was sponsored by Sen. Menendez and Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL).

The U.S.-Israel Strategic Partnership

House and Senate

United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2013

AIPAC delegates will urge House members to vote for the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2013 (S. 462 and H.R. 938), which is expected to reach the House floor this week. Delegates will also urge senators to cosponsor its Senate companion. The legislation — authored by Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) in the Senate and by Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Ted Deutch (D-FL) in the House — would enhance cooperation between the United States and Israel and designate the Jewish state a “major strategic partner.”

The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process

House and Senate

AIPAC delegates will discuss with members Israel’s strong commitment to peace and the need for continuing close U.S.-Israel cooperation to facilitate peace efforts.

Foreign Aid

House and Senate

AIPAC delegates will urge members to support the full \$3.1 billion in security assistance the United States committed to Israel for fiscal year 2015. Delegates will also urge support for a robust overall foreign aid budget to ensure America’s continued leadership in the world.

