

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Jay Nixon  
Governor  
P.O. Box 720  
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The Honorable Peter Kinder  
Lieutenant Governor  
State Capitol, Room 224  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

The Honorable Todd Richardson  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 308  
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The Honorable Clint Zweifel  
Missouri State Treasurer  
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Dear Gov. Nixon, Lt. Gov. Kinder, Speaker Richardson, and Treasurer Zweifel:

President Obama's Iranian Nuclear Deal has been met with much rebuke. He and many top officials have lauded the deal despite the fact it allows Iran to keep its nuclear infrastructure; gives Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief to promote terrorism and instability throughout the region; does not allow for "anytime, anywhere" inspections; lifts the arms embargo; allows Iran to acquire intercontinental ballistic missiles; and does nothing to free the four American hostages being held in Iran. Though President Obama calls the recent failed Senate vote for a Resolution of Disapproval as a "vote for diplomacy, for American national security, and for the safety and security of the world," the House of Representatives—the People's Chamber—resoundingly voted against this deal.

The fight to protect the voice of over six million Missourians is now in your hands.

Missouri has already taken the first steps in this fight when former State Treasurer Sarah Steelman decided to divest state funds—including employee pensions—from any bank, company or financial institution doing business with a terrorist-sponsoring state. At the time, this included Iran, North Korea, Syria and Sudan. There is no guarantee, however, that this list remains static.

That is why, as members of the United States Congress we strongly urge you to adopt legislation that would bar Missouri companies and financial institutions from conducting business *specifically* with the country of Iran.

In addition to strengthening Missouri's current policies, the prospect of debarment is one of the most effective ways to compel corporations to end business with Iran. Eleven states have already

enacted legislation that precludes all public entities from renewing or entering into contracts with companies invested in sensitive sectors of Iran's economy.

Further, we encourage the State to enact banking and insurance legislation. Such measures could ensure state-chartered banks and corresponding banks are not engaged in activities with Iranian linked financial institutions. We should not allow financial institutions engaging with Iran to have access to U.S. markets. Similar insurance legislation could require the State to not hold stocks or bonds of any foreign company engaged and invested in the Iranian energy sector. These are two ways Missouri could impact this critical moment in our nation's security.

The Obama Administration's haste in finalizing a deal for the sake of having one has resulted in a deal that jeopardizes our national security and that of our allies in the Middle East and around the globe. The states, however, now have the opportunity to lead where this Administration has not by financially inhibiting the Iranian regime for its transgressions and continued march towards nuclear weapons capability.

We thank you for your leadership on behalf of the people of Missouri, and for your consideration of these legislative initiatives.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



SAM GRAVES  
Member of Congress



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