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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President,

As you begin your Administration, we respectfully urge you to preserve the important agreement negotiated with Iran regarding its nuclear enrichment program. This deal has made the United States, Israel, and the world a safer place.

As you may know, January 16, 2017, marked the one-year anniversary of the Iran nuclear deal’s implementation. A little more than a year ago, Iran’s breakout time to gain enough fissile material to build a single nuclear weapon was estimated to be only two to three months. Today, as a result of the agreement, that breakout time has increased by a factor of five.

Per the terms of the agreement, Iran has disconnected, removed, and placed into IAEA-monitored storage, two thirds of its installed centrifuges. It has reduced its stockpile of low-enriched uranium by 98 percent and has removed all fissile material, centrifuges, and enrichment infrastructure from the underground facility at Fordow. Furthermore, the colandria of the Arak heavy water research reactor has been removed and filled with concrete, rendering it permanently inoperable.

Iran’s nuclear program has been effectively scaled back as it adheres to its obligations. That is why the agreement is supported by more than 200 top scientists, American Ambassadors, national security experts, and Israeli intelligence and military officials.

After a number of years of verified good behavior, Iran will be constrained by its obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty with Additional Protocol. This emphasizes the absolute importance of significantly strengthening the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, including key enforcement and inspection provisions.

Our overriding objective has been and will continue to be to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. As Iran continues to adhere to the letter of the agreement, it is imperative that we uphold our commitments while continuously verifying their compliance. If Iran cheats, comprehensive sanctions will snap back. Make no mistake - we will have the legitimacy and international support should a more severe course of action be necessary, including the use of military force.
Mr. President, we did not negotiate this deal alone, but if we walk away, we will walk away alone. We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to working with you to advance the cause of global nuclear security.

Sincerely,

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