

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

As members of the New York Congressional Delegation, we urge you to secure justice for 9/11 victims and other Americans who have suffered from state-sponsored terrorism. Thousands of Americans who lost family members in deadly terrorist attacks hold unpaid judgments against Iran and other supporters of international terrorism. That is why we insist that any negotiation or agreement with Iran holds them accountable for terrorism and must not come at the expense of the families of victims.

Since 1979, Iran has supported terrorism and terrorist groups that have killed hundreds of American citizens. Federal courts have also found Iran liable for providing material support to Al Qaeda in carrying out the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund (USVSST Fund) was established to provide a path for these victims to obtain justice and compensation from the perpetrators of terrorism. However, despite obtaining legal judgments against Iran, the victims are owed billions of dollars in damages that Iran has never paid. These victims and their families have suffered and waited for too long.

The Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act requires the President to pursue recovery of these funds from state sponsors of terrorism, including during negotiations over normalizing relations or lifting sanctions. As you know, the June 17 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the U.S. and Iran issues waivers to allow the sale of oil and proposes providing Iran with access to frozen funds. As the Administration continues negotiations with Iran, including discussions involving sanctions relief and access to frozen assets, we cannot allow Iran to receive economic benefits without addressing its outstanding obligations to American victims of terrorism.

As we approach the 25th anniversary of 9/11, New Yorkers will never forget the lives we lost to terrorism. That is why we insist that the victims and their families' rights to justice will be prioritized and protected in any negotiation or agreement with Iran. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

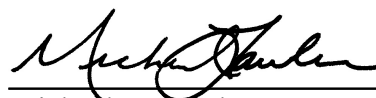
Regards,



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