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Democratic National Committee
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To: Democratic National Committee Platform Committee

As organizations representing millions of Americans that support diplomacy to address security and related issues with Iran, we write to encourage the Democratic National Committee to include language in the 2020 Democratic Platform calling on the United States and Iran to return to compliance with the international nuclear agreement and pursue additional diplomatic negotiations.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was a model for multilateral diplomacy, successfully blocking Iran's pathways to nuclear weapons as repeatedly verified by the U.S. intelligence community and international inspectors. The Trump administration's abrogation of the JCPOA in favor of "maximum pressure" prompted Iran to halt compliance with the limits of the nuclear deal, alienated our allies, undermined U.S. credibility on the world stage, and increased the risk of a new and disastrous war in the Middle East. Even now amid the COVID-19 pandemic, President Trump's approach threatens to spark a new and disastrous war of choice.

Iran's nuclear activities outside of the JCPOA are concerning, but still reversible. The U.S. should recommit to the accord and work with allies to ensure that Iran resumes its compliance with its nuclear obligations. After the JCPOA is restored, the U.S. should pursue wider negotiations alongside our allies to build on the pact and resolve concerns not addressed in the nuclear accord.

Reentering the JCPOA is the consensus position of the Democratic party. [All the major presidential candidates](#) in the party's primary - including Vice President Biden, Senator Sanders, Senator Warren, Senator Klobuchar, Senator Harris and Mayor Buttigieg - committed to rejoining the JCPOA in concert with Iran with no preconditions. The DNC also adopted a resolution calling for the U.S. to return to compliance with the accord in February 2019. Additionally, the American public strongly supports rejoining the nuclear deal. 85 percent of Democratic voters favor JCPOA reentry, according to a [Crooked Media/Change Research poll](#).

Rejoining the JCPOA and working to build on it will advance American national security and the security of our allies. Calling on both the U.S. and Iran to return to the nuclear agreement in the Democratic Platform will both restore confidence in American leadership throughout the world and be a winning position in November.

Sincerely,

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