

ICYMI: New Report Urges White House to Rethink Iran Penalties

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Dear Colleague:

We wanted to draw your attention to an essential *New York Times* article on U.S. policy toward Iran.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/18/world/middleeast/report-on-iran-urges-obama-to-rethink-sanctions.html>

In the [report](#), a bipartisan group of senior U.S. national security and military officials conclude that current U.S. policy toward Iran must be amended to successfully stop it from acquiring a nuclear weapon and prevent a new war in the Middle East.

Lee Hamilton, Brig. Gen. Stephen Cheney, Anne Marie Slaughter, Gen. Michael Hayden, Ryan Crocker, Richard Lugar, Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, Zbigniew Brzezinski, former Rep. David Dreier and others argue that sanctions have indeed crippled the Iranian economy, but that greater diplomatic efforts are necessary to resolve the Iranian nuclear standoff.

You can read the full report [here](#). Other recent bipartisan and nonpartisan reports are [here](#) and [here](#). For more information on this issue, please contact Stephen Lassiter in Representative Ellison's office at stephen.lassiter@mail.house.gov or 5-4755.

Sincerely,

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