

Become an Original Cosponsor of the Prevent Iran from Acquiring Nuclear Weapons and Stop War Through Diplomacy Act

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Appointing a Special Envoy is the most direct route to a nuclear weapons free Iran

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Dear Colleague,

As President Obama has said, all options, including diplomatic options, need to be on the table with Iran. I invite you to cosponsor the Prevent Iran from Acquiring Nuclear Weapons and Stop War Through Diplomacy Act, which would require President Obama to appoint a high level Special Envoy to Iran to engage in sustained, comprehensive negotiations to ensure that Iran does not acquire nuclear weapons. The bill is an updated version of H.R. 4173 from the 112th Congress.

The deadline to become an original co-sponsor is close of business this Thursday, February 14, 2013.

I invite you to read the Reuters article below discussing Iran's upcoming presidential election in June and predictions that Iran could reach Israel's red line for enriched uranium around the same time. There is a clear need for a diplomatic push, and growing awareness that economic sanctions alone are unlikely to force Tehran to stop its nuclear program. Vice President Joe Biden made a second offer for direct talks earlier this month, and it is high time that we restart a diplomatic dialogue that has been virtually abandoned dating back to the 1979 Iranian revolution.

Wars are never predictable, and launching an attack on Iran or allowing Iran to develop nuclear weapons could easily pull us into a broader conflict.

To become an original cosponsor of the Prevent Iran from Acquiring Nuclear Weapons and Stop War Through Diplomacy Act, or for further details, please contact Teddy Miller in my office at 5-2661 or teddy.miller@mail.house.gov.

Thank you.

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