

ASSISTANT REPUBLICAN WHIP

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2404**

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Majority Leader Mitch McConnell  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell,

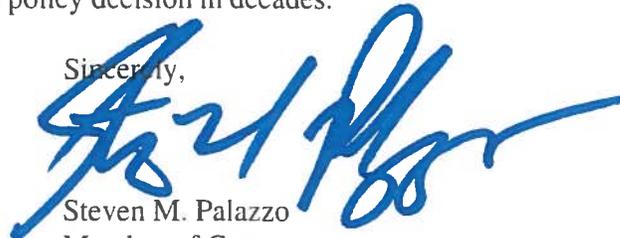
Like you, I have been extremely disappointed in the recent announcement of many Democratic senators affirming their public support of what we all know to be an unprecedented and dangerous deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran. The recent announcement of support over the 40 votes required to block the passage of a resolution of disapproval simply cannot be allowed without all possible options being exhausted in an effort to stop it.

The President's deal threatens not only the safety and security of our allies in the Middle East, it also threatens the United States. Iran has time and time again proven untrustworthy, and has continuously echoed its call for "Death to America." Across the board, scholars agree that there are fewer more dangerous scenarios than a nuclear-armed Iran. Unfortunately, this poorly negotiated deal does more to help Iran on their mission towards nuclear weapons capability than it does to stop them. As the duly-elected representatives of the United States, we simply cannot put our citizens and our allies in what we know to be real and serious danger. Accordingly, the time for decorum having passed, it is vital that you institute the "nuclear option" to require a 50+1 majority for the passage of this motion of disapproval.

As you no doubt recall, this procedural tool has been used as recently as 2013 to usurp the power of the Senate to confirm federal appointees. If Minority Leader Reid was willing to use this tactic to push through something as simple as judicial nominees despite the objections of Republicans, it is time that Republican leadership utilizes the procedure as matter of national and global security.

Unfathomably, blind allegiance to this President has led all but a handful of Democrats to march the American people and our Middle East allies towards almost certain conflict. It is my sincere belief that this can only be blamed on ignorance or ambivalence; accordingly, this extraordinary dilemma necessitates extraordinary legislative measures. I implore you to use every tool at your disposal to stop what could be the most dangerous foreign policy decision in decades.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress