Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

February 18, 2010

Secretary Hillary Clinton U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20520

To Secretary Clinton,

We write in response to a letter, dated February 1, from Assistant Secretary Verma, about the State Department's ongoing investigation of potential violations of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (ISA). As you know, on October 20, 2009, fifty members of Congress wrote to the President, transmitting a report by the non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS), indicating that a number of foreign firms are likely in violation of US law under the ISA. The October 20th letter urged the Administration to fully enforce the ISA and officially determine if the entities listed in the CRS report were indeed in violation of US law.

As indicated by Mr. Verma in his February 1st letter, Assistant Secretary of State Jeffrey Feltman testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on October 28, 2009 that the Department would conduct a 45-day preliminary review of firms that violated the ISA. As we understand from the letter, this preliminary review concluded and the Department is now examining companies it deems "problematic." We ask you to disclose those companies that are under investigation and request that a relevant State Department official brief us on your findings.

We sincerely appreciate that you understand the urgency that this assessment requires. We welcome the Administration's indications that it plans to use every available tool to ensure that Iran does not get a nuclear weapon. We support the President's message in his State of the Union on January 27, 2010, when he warned of "growing consequences" if Iran's leaders reject their obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. We further believe that if firms are violating U.S. law, there must be consequences.

Given Iran's intransigence and the support these companies provide to the Iranians, we urge you to fully enforce the Iran Sanctions Act and levy appropriate sanctions against companies who have violated US law.

We look forward to working with you on this matter.

Kindest regards,

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