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## CARNAHAN APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF MOST COMPREHENSIVE SANCTIONS EVER AGAINST IRAN GOVERNMENT

## Bipartisan Measure Will Give U.S. Powerful New Tools to Pressure Tehran to Relinquish Quest for Nuclear Arms

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) released the following statement regarding today's passage of the most comprehensive set of U.S. sanctions ever against Iran following the United Nations Security Council's passage of its own sanctions earlier this week. Today's actions will give the United States powerful new tools to prevent Iran from gaining nuclear arms.

"A nuclear Iran represents a threat to the quest for peace in the Middle East, global stability, and our own national security. This measure is a decisive step to give the United States the tools we need to press Iran to change course and re-engage with the international community."

"As Co-Chair of the bipartisan American Engagement Caucus, I applaud the diplomatic efforts being used to build international support for sanctions against Iran. We must continue to build broad support to add pressure against Tehran."

"I urge President Obama to implement these strict sanctions on Iran right away. The current trajectory of the Iranian government must be stopped if we hope to build stability and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Carnahan serves as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight as well as founder and co-chair of the American Engagement Caucus.

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