

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356
State House
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

As we write, the United States Congress has just passed tough legislation regarding sanctions against Iran. We are supportive of this effort because we believe deeply that it is important to do everything we can to stop the Iranian regime from its progress towards nuclear weapons.

We write to you because we believe that the passage of this legislation is of great relevance to legislation pending in the Massachusetts House – where, as you know, many of us were proud to serve.

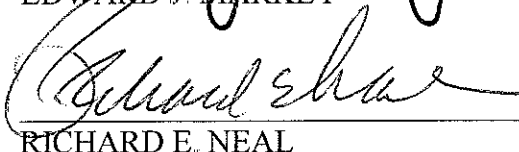
The logic behind the federal bill applies with similar force to Massachusetts House Bill H 4297. In fact, a part of the federal bill is legislation that specifically empowers the states to take the sort of action contemplated in H 4297.

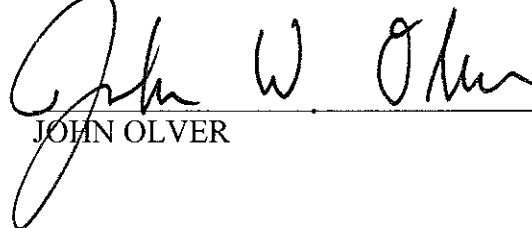
Massachusetts plays a very important role in this because it was a decision interfering with Massachusetts' effort to enforce human rights through a similar sanction with regard to PERMA that led to a court decision that invalidated state powers and led us in fact to pass this legislation.

Given the importance of doing everything possible to deter the regime led by a president who has denied the existence of the Holocaust and called for Israel to be wiped off the face of the earth, who has oppressed his own people, and who has been a bitter and unreasoning critic of all aspects of American policy, we very much hope that our Massachusetts Legislative colleagues will join us in support of effective sanctions legislation that would help deter Iran from building nuclear weapons.


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