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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to you today to address our concerns regarding your Administration's recent proposal to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria. We are vehemently opposed to this proposal and do not support withdrawing U.S. forces from the country at this juncture.

Removing troops from Syria at this time poses a threat to the national security of the United States. Your administration has made great and effective strides in the fight to combat ISIS and to counter terrorism around the world. The nearly 2,000 servicemen and women stationed in Syria play a pivotal role in rooting out the remaining ISIS cells in the Northeast region of the country. U.S. troops must remain in country until all imminent threats have abated.

The United States cannot lose edge and risk a resurgence of ISIS in the region. While our Kurdish partners have been vital in our plight to eradicate ISIS, we dread that without our support they will be unable to thwart future threats.

That being said, ISIS is not the only threat in regard to Syria. Should the United States withdraw from the country, Bashar al-Assad's brutal dictatorship will continue to grow in its power and influence around the world. Additionally, without U.S. troops on the ground in Syria, it is likely that Iran and Russia will move to bolster their influence in the region. We cannot allow this to happen, and the United States must remain a visible presence in the country.

We urge you to not make the same mistake that previous Administrations made in the region by removing troops from the battlefield before the conflict is complete and civil society is in place. Conceding defeat will allow ISIS cells to regroup and grow. In the interest of the national security of the United States, we urge you to reconsider your proposal to withdraw troops from Syria.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress