



# Protect the Iran Nuclear Deal

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**LA Jews for Peace** calls on United States Senators to assure that The **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action** commonly known as the "Iran deal" or "Iran nuclear deal" remains in effect because the deal is working as planned by stopping every Iranian pathway to a nuclear bomb. The deal is important to protect peace and security for the world community as affirmed by top security officials in the United States, Europe, the United Nations, and even Israel.

The deal was put in jeopardy on October 12 when President Trump refused to certify that Iran is in compliance with the deal claiming that Iran is violating the "spirit" of the deal. In so doing, Trump acted against the advice of his Secretaries of State and Defense who said that Iran is in compliance, and that the deal is in the national security interest of the United States.

Donald Trump's decision is an extremely dangerous act of bad faith that damages U.S. credibility across the world. It does not end or cancel the Iran deal. That would happen if sanctions are re-imposed on Iran that relate to Iran's nuclear program.

**LA Jews for Peace** calls on Congress to save the Iran deal by rejecting any attempt to reinstate sanctions on Iran related to Iran's nuclear program.

Abandoning the Iran deal would be an unmitigated disaster. Our allies would be furious. Iran could suspend inspections and resume large-scale enrichment of uranium. And ultimately, the United States could find itself on the path to war with Iran, a country of 80 million people, putting every American at risk.

President Trump says he wants to re-negotiate the deal to get the United States better terms that include limits to Iran's ballistic missiles and tougher inspections protocol. But Trump has not said what he is ready to give in exchange for Iran agreeing to those additional conditions.

That said, **LA Jews for Peace** supports any agreement that demilitarizes the Middle East. **LA Jews for Peace** supports limits on Iran's missiles, preferably as part of a general ban on missiles and nuclear-capable bomber aircraft in the entire Middle East. **LA Jews for Peace** goes even further and calls for the Middle East to be a nuclear-free zone that would of necessity include eliminating Israel's nuclear arsenal.