

Hillary for America – September 9, 2015
Friends and Allies TPs – Iran Deal

Hillary Clinton supports the Iran deal – and will enforce it vigorously as part of a broader strategy to counter Iran – because she knows that we can never permit Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon. As she's made clear, this deal is not perfect, but it is a strong agreement – one that prevents the dangerous prospect of a nuclear Iran as we redouble efforts to counter their malicious behavior in the region and strengthen the security of our allies, especially Israel. And nobody will be a tougher enforcer of this deal than Hillary.

Walking away from the deal now, as top Republican candidates want to do, would be disastrous.

- **With the deal:** We block all pathways to a nuclear bomb; we have unprecedented access for inspections monitoring and verification; we drastically shrink their enriched uranium stockpile and number of centrifuges, which skyrocketed under the Bush administration; and we increase their breakout time to produce even one nuclear weapon from 2-3 months to one year.
- **Without the deal:** The global sanctions coalition that crippled the Iranian economy and brought them to the negotiating table, which Hillary Clinton twisted arms to cobble together, will crumble. We would be imposing the same kind of unilateral sanctions that failed for decades to yield progress. **So if we walk away from the deal, Iran's nuclear program continues unrestricted, and they get economic relief.**

But Hillary knows that when it comes to Iran, relentless enforcement of the deal alone is not nearly enough. That's why she put forth a five-point plan to counter Iran's other nefarious behaviors:

1. **Deepen America's unshakeable commitment to Israel's security**, continuing to guarantee Israel's Qualitative Military Edge and increasing support for its rocket and missile defenses, including for northern Israel, and for intelligence sharing.
2. **Reaffirm that the Persian Gulf is a region of vital interest to the United States**, expand our military presence in the region and act to keep the Strait of Hormuz open.
3. **Build a coalition to counter Iran's proxies, particularly Hezbollah, by:** enforcing and strengthening the rules prohibiting weapons transfers to Hezbollah; looking at new ways to choke off their funding; and pressing our partners to treat Hezbollah as the terrorist organization it is.
4. **Stand against Iran's abuses at home**, from its detention of political prisoners to its crackdown on freedom of expression, including online, by enforcing (and, if need be) broadening our human rights sanctions, and bringing home our American citizens.
5. **Strengthen efforts to generate stability and counter extremism** by renewing diplomacy to solve the destructive regional conflicts that Iran fuels; providing material

assistance to support countries' ability to defend their borders and guard against terrorism; and strengthening institutions across the region, to foster inclusivity and undermine the forces of extremism.

When it comes to managing complex foreign policy issues with such monumental stakes, we need serious, proven, steady-handed leadership. That's exactly what Hillary Clinton brings. From persuading countries like China and Russia to join a crippling international sanctions coalition on Iran when their cooperation was almost unfathomable, to brokering a cease-fire in Gaza and fostering unprecedented security cooperation with Israel, Clinton has shown she knows what it takes to navigate the toughest situations.

It's a stark contrast from the Republican candidates, who have offered little more than inflammatory rhetoric, chest-beating and unrealistic solutions. That might be a good formula for winning a Republican primary, but it's not a good formula for a Commander-in-Chief. With so much on the line, Hillary Clinton is the candidate we can trust to steer the course.