

## United States Senate

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Iranian-American Community of North Texas  
Solidarity March for a Free Iran

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your commitment to support the Iranian people. Your continued perseverance and support of a democratically free Iran is an inspiration to the world.

As recent events have demonstrated, the Iranian authoritarian government is a dangerous and destabilizing regional influence that rules its people with an Iron fist, suppressing their individual rights and subjecting them to humanitarian abuse. As the largest State sponsor of terror in the world, Iran has bankrolled terrorist organizations that have waged war and undermined regional stability for decades.

It is important to point out, however, that the Iranian people are the greatest victim of this brutal regime. They have suffered under the Ayatollah for generations. But the struggle of the Iranian people has not gone unnoticed. I would like to repeat the message the Secretary Pompeo delivered at the Reagan library last year, "I have a message for the people of Iran. The United States hears you; the United States supports you; the United States is with you.

In order to help the Iranian people, I believe that it is important for the United States to support the Administration's "maximum pressure policy." A policy that promotes freedom and individual rights of the people while taking every step necessary to liberate them from the regime's oppressive rule. I have worked tirelessly with Congress and the Administration to achieve that goal.

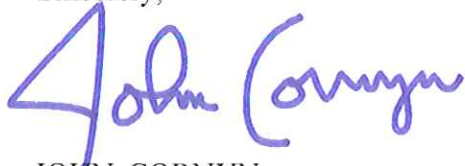
Earlier this year I led a letter to President Trump supporting his maximum pressure strategy and urging him to refrain from renewing significant reduction exemptions for Iranian oil. Under the maximum pressure strategy, sanctions were set to drive down Iran's oil exports as close to zero as possible.

This Congress, I introduced the *Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Economic Exclusion Act*, which imposes additional sanctions on the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The IRGC acts as the regime's most powerful military and security organization committing acts of domestic oppression and international terror. I am proud to have introduced this bi-partisan legislation. Additionally, I was a cosponsor of Senator Tom Cotton's *Supporting Victims of Iranian Terrorism Act of 2019*, which chokes Iran's financial resources and makes them available to pay compensatory damages to victims of terrorism sponsored by the Iranian

government. I am pleased by the efforts my colleagues and this Administration have taken to stand against Iran's tyrants, and I am encouraged by the support of these policies by Americans like yourselves.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent Texans in the United States Senate. I stand shoulder to shoulder with you in support of a better future for Iran.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cornyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

JOHN CORNYN  
United States Senator