

TEA PARTY PATRIOTS

Opposing the Iran Deal Toolkit



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How to Use this Toolkit

Dear Patriots:

Tea Party Patriots Support Team frequently provides toolkits that to help you engage on the major legislative battles taking place in Washington, DC. This toolkit is focused on our efforts to oppose the Iran Deal that President Obama negotiated.



During August recess, Members of Congress are back in their states and their districts, which means we have the opportunity to engage with them at their local offices, at town hall meetings, and at other community events. We are encouraging all of our local groups and grassroots activists to organize visits or protests about the Iran Deal at their local Congressional offices. More information about those visits or protests can be found at <http://www.teapartypatriots.org/end-the-iran-deal-protest-august-27/>

We have designed this toolkit for use by individuals and groups alike, and have included several different types of resources, such as a sample letter to the editor, which can be signed by an individual or an entire tea party group.

If you see something missing, or have any recommendations for future toolkits, please let us know. We always appreciate hearing how local groups and individual activists are using these resources to get engaged.

In liberty,
The Tea Party Patriots' National Support Team

Options for Engagement

- Write 1 Facebook post to share with your friends about the Iran Nuclear Deal (total time: 10 minutes)
- Twitter posts geared to your Congressman or Senator about the Iran Nuclear Deal (total time: 10 minutes)
- Write a letter to the editor about the Iran Nuclear Deal (total time: 1 hour)
- Attend a town hall meeting and ask a question about the Iran Nuclear Deal in the August toolkit (total time: 1 ½ hours)
- Adopt a Congressional District Office to host a Congressional Office Visit on August 27th (total time: 10 hours) (**NOTE: if you decide to do this the Tea Party Patriots Support Team will help you each step of the way. You will not be alone in organizing this event.)
- Visit a Congressional Office on August 27 (total time: 1 ½ hours)
- Write an email or letter to your Congressman and Senators telling how you feel they should vote (total time: 30 minutes)

Talking Points on Iran Deal

A BAD DEAL FOR AMERICA

- The deal is a “win-win” for Iran, but a losing proposition for the United States and our allies in the Middle East.
- The nuclear deal with Iran eliminates the existing conventional arms and ballistic missile embargoes on Iran.
- The deal leaves as hostages in Iran the four American citizens who are currently being held in Iranian prisons.
- Under the agreement, Iran has the right to deny international inspectors access to any undeclared nuclear site. And no U.S. inspector will ever set foot on Iranian soil.

AN END-RUN AROUND CONGRESS & THE CONSTITUTION

- President Obama submitted the terms of the agreement to the United Nations before providing Congress the opportunity to weigh in.
- Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution states: “The President ... shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur... “
- The Obama Administration says the Iran Deal is not technically a treaty. However, if it acts like a treaty and looks like a treaty, it should be treated as a treaty.
- There is bipartisan agreement on Capitol Hill that the President overstepped his authority by going to the U.N. for approval of the Iran Deal before he got Congress’ approval.

WHY TEA PARTY PATRIOTS IS INVOLVED ON THIS ISSUE

- We got involved because, as an organization, we are always concerned when the plain and clear language of the Constitution is ignored.
- As we looked at the details of this Iran deal, we realized it poses an existential threat to the United States and our allies.
- This deal does not prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons; in fact, this deal **guarantees** Iran will get nuclear weapons.
- Further, this deal virtually guarantees a nuclear arms race, as other countries in the region will be forced to keep pace with a soon-to-be-nuclear-armed Iran.
- TPP strongly opposes this deal, and we will be making our voices heard over the next several weeks. We urge Congress to vote no on this deal.

Sample Social Media on Iran Deal

SAMPLE TWEETS:

Congress must stop @BarackObama's illegal #BadIranDeal

#BadIranDeal is a threat to the United States and our allies.

#BadIranDeal will lead to nuclear arms race in #MiddleEast

[.@WhiteHouse](#) did an end-run around Congress with #BadIranDeal.

#BadIranDeal = everything Iran wants; nothing #UnitedStates needs



Sample Letter to Member of Congress



YOUR NAME
YOUR ADDRESS

[YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS'S NAME]
[ADDRESS]

[DATE]

Dear Rep./Sen. [LAST NAME],

I am writing as your constituent to urge you to oppose President Obama's illegal and ill-conceived Iran Deal.

It is imperative that you and your colleagues in the [U.S. House of Representatives/U.S. Senate] take action to stop this reckless deal. The Iran Deal is an absolute and total "win" for Iran but is a losing proposition for our country and our allies in the Middle East. This deal will have a devastating and long-lasting impact, including allowing Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon within ten years. The deal also includes exceptional leeway for Iran, a country that harbors terrorists and routinely violates human rights and has a long history of renegeing on its end of deals.

I speak for many Americans when I say that the deal is puzzling in its latitude to Iran, allowing Iran to deny international inspectors access to nuclear sites and also eliminating the existing conventional arms and ballistic missile embargoes on Iran. This deal that the President negotiated unilaterally, bypassing Congress, will leave the entire Middle East region – and the world – less safe.

I will follow up with your staff by phone this week to hear more about how you plan to take action here. I look forward to speaking with your staff!

Sincerely,



Aug 27th: Iran Deal Congressional Office Visits

Congressional Office Visits are a simple, yet highly effective, grassroots technique. This particular issue provides the perfect opportunity to visit Congressional offices in the districts or in the state. Here are some simple steps to organize a visit.

1. Choose the date, time, and location.

Tea Party Patriots is encouraging all local groups to consider hosting a Congressional office visit on **Thursday, August 27, 2015 at noon local time.**

2. Email Tea Party Patriots.

We want to help your efforts, so visit <http://www.tppsupport.org> if you plan to host an office visit. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

3. Plan the logistics.

If you decide to protest with picket signs, find out if you are required to get a permit for your protest. If you plan on a simple visit, make sure you check with the office to find out office hours and whether or not you need an appointment.

4. Print materials.

Print talking points from this toolkit ahead of time. Make posters and other signs for the event.

5. Invite people to participate.

Send out an email to your friends, local tea party group, and neighbors. Send a letter to the editor of a local paper, and be sure to invite readers to participate in this visit or protest. If you decide to hold a protest, try to get on the air of a local talk radio show and promote the protest.

6. Prepare a press release.

Consider sending out a press release about your event, both before the event AND after.

7. On the day of the event, plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early.

Come early with signs, blank poster boards, markers and extra copies of your letter to the editor.

8. Take pictures and post them to social media!

Take pictures of the visit or protest and of your signs. Share them with us and also post them on social media.

Sample Press Release for Congressional Office Visit on Iran Deal

For Immediate Release

Contact: (name/phone/email)

[local]Tea Party group calls activists to action

(Hometown) – Tea Party activists in _____ are calling on citizens to [protest outside/visit] [INSERT NAME OF MEMBER OF CONGRESS]’ office at [INSERT ADDRESS] to urge [HIM/HER] to hold the Obama Administration accountable and to reject the so-called “Iran Deal.”

“President Obama did an end-run around Congress and entered into a de facto treaty with Iran. The Constitution requires a 2/3 vote in the Senate to approve any treaty. We are calling on Congress to re-assert its authority and stand up to the Obama Administration,” said [INSERT NAME OF TEA PARTY LEADER]

The Iran Deal that the Obama Administration brokered is a win-win for Iran, but an entirely losing proposition for the United States and our allies. The nuclear deal with Iran eliminates the existing conventional arms and ballistic missile embargoes on Iran, fails to bring back the four American hostages in Iran, and gives Iran far too much discretion about when the international inspections will take place. The deal lacks even the most basic accountability metrics, instead giving Iran the ability to refuse international inspections of its nuclear facilities.

Join us on Thursday, August 27th at 12:00 pm at [INSERT ADDRESS] to protest the Iran Deal. Email [INSERT NAME] for more information: [INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS]

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How to Write a Letter to the Editor

What is a Letter to the Editor?

A letter to the editor is a letter written to the Editor of a newspaper. The letter is an opportunity for you to express your opinion about a recent article published in the paper or an issue in the news.

Writing letters to the editor is an important engagement tool for activists. They allow activists to do the following:

- 1) Reach a broader audience than you normally would have;
- 2) Hold your local journalists accountable;
- 3) Present alternative views on political issues.

Letters to the editor are usually found in the first section of the newspaper or on the editorial page.

Guidelines for Getting a Letter to the editor Published

Most newspapers publish guidelines with their specific requirements for getting a letter published, but here are some general rules that will help you get your letter to the editor published.

- * Include your name and address and a telephone number where you can be reached.
- * Be respectful and courteous, even when disagreeing with the Editorial Board about a specific issue.
- * Be specific. If you are opposed to Obamacare, mention the specific reasons why. Provide examples.
- * Cite your sources. If you include any quoted material, be sure to correctly cite your source or attribute the quote.
- * Use proper grammar. Spellcheck your letter and be sure to use proper grammar. Refer to *The Elements of Style* for a great overview of effective writing.
- * Be concise. Letters to the editor are much more likely to be published if they are 300 words or less. Make your point as clearly and concisely as possible.



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About Tea Party Patriots

Tea Party Patriots stands for every American, and is home to millions who have come together to pursue the American Dream and to keep that Dream alive for their children and grandchildren.

What unites the tea party movement is the same set of core principles that brought America together at its founding, that kindled the American Dream in the hearts of those who struggled to build our nation, and made the United States of America the greatest, most successful country in world history.

At its root the American Dream is about freedom. Freedom to work hard and the freedom to keep the fruits of your labor to use as you see fit without harming others and without hindering their freedom. Very simply, three guiding principles give rise to the freedom necessary to pursue and live the American Dream: Personal Freedom, Economic Freedom and a Debt-Free Future.