

January 13, 2020

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We write to thank you for moving swiftly to pass H.Con.Res.83, the war powers resolution sponsored by Representative Slotkin, aimed at ending unauthorized hostilities against Iran. Our groups recognize that doing so on a tight timeline, amid a steady stream of disinformation from the administration, was no easy task. However, the millions of supporters of our groups - and millions more Americans - greatly appreciate your work to halt a march to a disastrous war.

We believe that the House should maintain this momentum. Despite the apparent deescalation in tensions since Soleimani's assassination and Iran's missile attacks, we remain precariously close to war with Iran and the President appears convinced he has a green light for further use of force. As a result, we encourage the House of Representatives to pass additional bills this week that provide further roadblocks to conflict; specifically:

- bar funding for unauthorized war;
- clarify that Congress has not authorized war; and
- repeal the 2002 Authorization for the Use of Military Force.

Passing the bills offered by Rep. Khanna (H.R. 5543) and Rep. Lee (H.R. 2456), as you have suggested is a possibility, would accomplish these goals.

Moreover, we encourage you to continue to press the administration to declassify and publicly release its notice to Congress containing the rationale and legal basis for the strikes against Iranian targets, including General Soleimani. Such facts should not be kept in the dark from the American people.

We encourage you to move expeditiously and stand ready to assist in securing the numbers needed to win these votes.

Sincerely,

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