

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable John McCain  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mac Thornberry  
Chairman  
U.S. House Committee on Armed Services  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on Armed Services  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen McCain and Thornberry, and Ranking Members Reed and Smith:

We write to thank you for your hard work on passing the House and Senate-passed versions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, one of our most vital pieces of legislations that fulfils our Constitutional duty to maintain and equip our military. We also urge you to preserve the following amendments to the House and Senate versions of the bill regarding the encroaching and dangerous influence of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Iraq and Syria:

- Section 6203 (Senate version), the Syria War Crimes Accountability Act which requires the Secretary of State to submit a report on war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in Syria to the appropriate congressional committees.
- Section 1221 (House version) would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State to submit a progress report to Congress to include an assessment of the incorporation of violent extremist organizations and organizations with association to the Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) into the Iraq military; the level of access violent extremist organizations and organizations with association to the IRGC have to United States-provided equipment and training; United States-provided equipment that is controlled by unauthorized end users; or is not accounted for by the Government of Iraq, including a detailed inventory of each equipment type provided to the Government of Iraq; and actions taken by the Government of Iraq to repossess United States-provided equipment from unauthorized end users.
- Section 1230D (House version) which would impose a limitation of funding and would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to jointly certify and report to Congress that assistance to the Ministry of the Interior of the Government of Iraq, including funds for the provision of intelligence sharing, will not be disbursed by the United States to any group that is, or that is known to be affiliated with, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps—Quds Force or other state sponsor of terrorism.

- Section 1230F (House version) which would direct the President to impose sanctions on two Iranian proxies in Syria and Iraq, As-Saib Ahl al-Haq and Harakat Hizballah al-Nujaba and their affiliates for terrorism and would require report to Congress detailing entities in which the IRGC has an ownership interest of 33 percent or greater.

Thank you for your consideration.



Doug Lamborn  
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



Mark Walker  
Chairman  
Republican Study Committee