

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 11, 2023

The Honorable Justin P. J. Trudeau
Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Our two countries have a long history of working together to fight evil across the globe, from our coordination in World War I and World War II in the last century, to our present-day cooperation through our NATO alliance. Standing strong together, our alliance has endured for generations as a bulwark against threats to our shared interests. In that spirit, we write today, as Republican and Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives, to respectfully urge Canada to swiftly act to designate the Islamic Republic of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), in its entirety, as a terrorist organization.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and the IRGC is the central core of the country's terrorist operations at home and abroad. The IRGC has openly carried out plots targeting citizens around the world for decades. Presently, Germany is pursuing prosecution against IRGC-linked individuals responsible for plotting attacks against synagogues in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Last year, an Iranian diplomat was convicted on terrorism charges in Belgium for his role in a 2018 plot in Paris. In February 2023, it was reported by British authorities that they had foiled or exposed at least 15 kidnapping or assassination plots by the IRGC targeting U.K.-based persons since January 2022 alone. Authorities in Georgia reportedly foiled the IRGC's attempted assassination of an Israeli-Georgian businessman in Tbilisi last year. In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice unsealed several indictments against IRGC operatives this year in shocking murder-for-hire schemes targeting a former national security adviser and U.S. Secretary of State, among others.

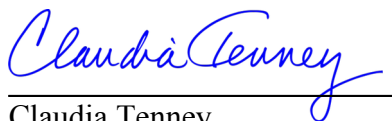
The list of IRGC-related terrorist activities planned, carried out, or thwarted is extensive, justifying further action on the part of Canada. We understand that under Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act of 2000, Canada maintains a list of entities that either "have knowingly carried out, attempted to carry out, participated in or facilitated a terrorist activity or knowingly acted on behalf of, at the direction of or in association with an entity that has knowingly carried out, attempted to carry out, participated in or facilitated a terrorist activity." While Canada designated the IRGC's Quds Force as a terrorist entity in 2012, it has yet to designate the IRGC in its entirety under the Canadian Criminal Code.

The IRGC is currently sanctioned under Canada's Special Economic Measures Act (SEMA), and on October 7, 2022, you announced that Canada intends to pursue a designation under its

Immigration and Refugee Protection Act as well. However, given that the Quds Force is a branch of the IRGC, which centrally organizes, coordinates, and directs the actions of its constituent parts, the IRGC clearly works “in association” with the Quds Force. The U.S. government and other entities have determined without reservation that the IRGC parent organization directly supports and directs Quds Force’s activities.

We believe there is an abundance of evidence available to Canada that provides the necessary basis to designate all of the IRGC as a terrorist organization. We hope you will give due consideration to this important and timely request. Designating the IRGC will send the clear message to Iran that acts of terrorism against us, our partners, and innocent citizens must not, and will not be tolerated.

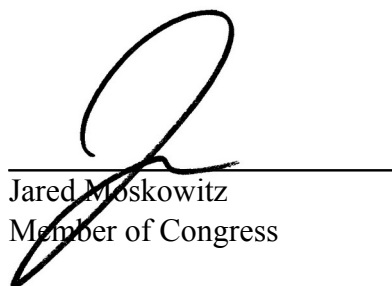
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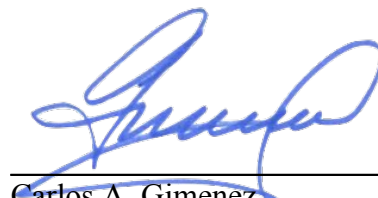
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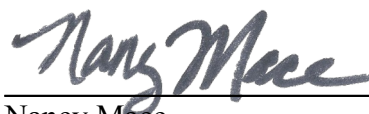
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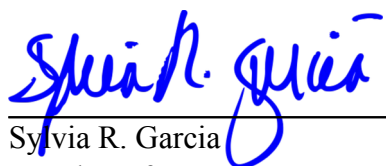
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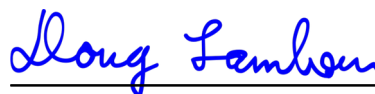
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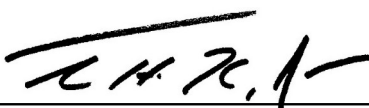
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