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The Honorable Narendra D. Modi Prime Minister The Prime Minister's Office E Block, E Block, Central Secretariat New Delhi, Delhi 110011, India

Dear Prime Minister Modi,

We are grateful that the partnership between our two countries continues to grow around the advancement of peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond. In that spirit, today we, as Republican and Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives, write to respectfully ask you to designate the Islamic Republic of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), in its entirety, as a terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019.

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.

In addition to the terrorist activities described above, the IRGC has plotted and carried out attacks on Indian soil. In 2012, the wife of Israel's defense attaché to India was injured after an IRGC-affiliated motorcyclist attached a bomb to her car in New Delhi. More recently, in 2021, the IRGC Quds Force worked with a local terror cell to plant a bomb at the Israeli embassy in New Delhi. The IRGC very clearly poses a threat to India's sovereignty as long as it continues to conduct attacks on their soil.

We understand that under your laws, a group can be designated as a terrorist organization if it commits, participates in, prepares for, promotes, or is otherwise involved in terrorism. The long and growing list of IRGC-related terrorist activities planned, carried out, or thwarted in India and across the globe fully justifies further action on the part of India. 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.

Sincerely,

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