

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 13, 2023

The Honorable Justin P. J. Trudeau  
Prime Minister  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2, Canada

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

We write once again to urge your government to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist entity under Canadian law. We remain deeply appreciative of the longstanding and robust security partnership between our two nations. It is in this spirit of strong and continued cooperation that we ask you to build on Canada's existing designation of the IRGC Quds Force by finally designating the IRGC in its entirety as a terrorist organization.

It is vital that Canada recognizes the threat posed by the Islamic Republic of Iran and takes all appropriate steps to address it. To this end, we want to acknowledge recent actions taken by Canada to increase pressure on the IRGC and counter the influence of regime officials. This includes recent steps by the Canada Border Services Agency to deny entry to several Islamic Republic of Iran officials.<sup>1</sup> We are also following ongoing investigations by Canadian authorities into the status of several individuals already residing in Canada who may have concerning ties to the regime in Iran.

These are welcome steps, but more must be done to maximize pressure on the regime. The October 7, 2023, terrorist massacre by Hamas killed Israeli, American, and Canadian citizens, and it was made possible by Iran and the IRGC, which have supported Canadian-designated Palestinian terror groups such as Hamas with arms, training, and hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for years. In the wake of the horrific bloodshed of October 7, a senior IRGC official heralded the gruesome terrorist operation as "the greatest success of the Islamic world."<sup>2</sup> In both words and deeds, the IRGC as an entity is ideologically committed to destroying Israel and undermining U.S.-Canadian security interests in the Middle East and around the world. The IRGC means what it says, and neither engagement nor concessions will change this underlying reality.

As you know, in 2019, the United States designated the IRGC in its entirety as a terrorist organization. Earlier this year, Canada's Senate passed a non-binding resolution calling for Canada to do the same, building on a similar 2018 resolution passed by the House of Commons. These efforts embody a growing consensus among political leaders in Canada and around the world regarding the threat posed by the IRGC and its role in promoting and supporting terrorism.

As the United States has clearly demonstrated across both Republican and Democratic administrations, an IRGC terrorist designation can be practically implemented without unintended secondary impacts. By officially designating the IRGC as a foreign terrorist organization, Canada can join the United States in once again contributing to the global fight against terrorism, demonstrating a strong commitment to ensuring peace and stability.

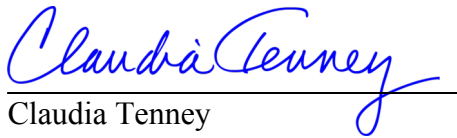
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<sup>1</sup> See: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-denies-iran-officials-entry-1.7046170>

<sup>2</sup> See: <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-771697>

We look forward to your government's designation of the IRGC as a terrorist organization and thank you for your attention to this important matter. We remain hopeful that united in purpose, our two countries can continue working together to address the challenges posed by the IRGC. Our collective efforts will strengthen the international community's resolve against IRGC terrorism and hold it accountable for its ongoing efforts to thwart peace in the region.

Sincerely,



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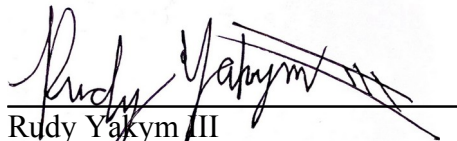
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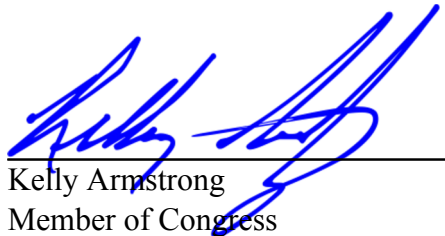
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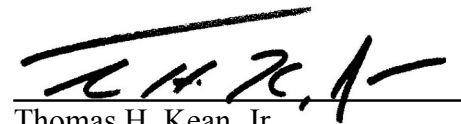
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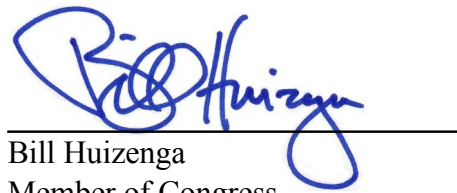
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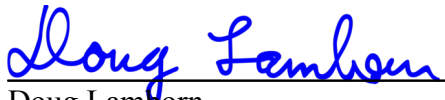
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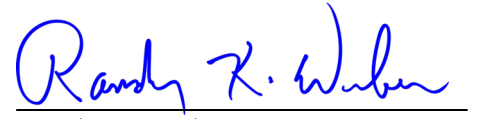
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