

## Tell the Senate: Don't Sabotage Iran Deal

The U.S. and Iran have made huge diplomatic strides in recent weeks. But the historic deal to keep Iran's nuclear energy program focused on peaceful ends could fail if the Senate votes for new sanctions on Iran while U.S. diplomats are negotiating the agreement. **Urge Senators Warren and Markey to vote "no" on S. 1881 calling for new sanctions on Iran.**

This is a critical period for negotiations—and a time when new sanctions would be particularly damaging. The White House, Senate leaders and a bipartisan group that includes a former U.S. ambassador to Israel have all warned of the consequences of these new sanctions on U.S.-Iran negotiations.

**The White House says that passing this bill greatly increases the chances that the U.S. will take military action against Iran,** and that President Obama will veto the legislation if it comes to his desk. Now sponsors of the Iran sanctions bill are lobbying for a veto-proof majority of 67 senators to support the bill, so that Congress could potentially override the president's veto. So far, 49 senators have cosponsored the legislation. Neither Warren nor Markey is a cosponsor.

Every Senate vote is critical. **Please ask Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey to vote "no" on new Iran sanctions legislation.**

*Below are some additional points from a conference call with FCNL.  
You may find them useful in writing your letter.*

-Massachusetts legislators DO support diplomacy. What we need to do is make them understand that **the sanctions at this point do not build toward the goal of diplomacy.**

-**Ending** sanctions is the way to work toward a non-nuclear-armed Iran.

-We need to show Iran that it stands to gain (in this case, through the ending of sanctions) by negotiating with the West.

-We need to build political support for diplomacy. We need "champions for diplomacy," and we need Senator Elizabeth Warren to be one.

-Senator Ed Markey serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.