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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President:

On November 21, 2015 Iran reportedly carried out a test of a new medium range ballistic missile capable of delivering a nuclear warhead. This launch comes more than a month after a well-publicized first test of a ballistic missile on October 10, 2015.

These actions are in clear violation of United Nations Security Council-passed resolutions 2231 and 1929 that compel Iran to refrain from any work on ballistic missiles for eight years and ban the Islamic Republic from conducting all ballistic missile tests. They also come on the heels of a recent report from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that found Iran had been working on nuclear weapons technology until at least 2009.

Iran's behavior is not only in direct contravention of two UN resolutions but also Measure #28 of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which states clearly that Iran and the E3/EU+3 will commit to implementing the JCPOA in "*good faith and in a constructive atmosphere, based on mutual respect, and to refrain from any action inconsistent with the letter, spirit and intent of this JCPOA that would undermine its successful implementation.*"

In light of these blatant Iranian transgressions I urge you to delay further implementation of the JCPOA and postpone any sanction relief until the United Nations investigates these violations.

Moving forward with the implementation of the JCPOA and failing to hold Iran accountable to its global obligations will only invite more violations from Tehran and potentially endanger the national security of United States and its allies.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leonard Lance".

Leonard Lance
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