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The Honorable Yukiya Amano  
Director General  
International Atomic Energy Agency  
Vienna International Centre, PO Box 100  
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Dear Director General Amano:

I write to encourage the International Atomic Energy Agency to keep open its probe into the possible military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program. Given the findings in the IAEA's upcoming report that evidence of military dimensions exist and Iran's continued refusal to cooperate fully, I believe it would be appropriate for the IAEA to continue its investigation past December 15, 2015.

According to the report, Iran has not been able to answer questions credibly about the military aspects of its nuclear program. The refusal to provide the IAEA with answers to a myriad of concerns about its nuclear ambitions, including apparent preparations for a nuclear test and its work at the Parchin facility, does not bode well for its future compliance with the JCPOA and indicates that it would not be prudent for the IAEA to acquiesce to Iran's requests to close the probe. Considering Iran's dishonesty on the objectives of its nuclear program and its role as a leading state sponsor of terror including potential coordination with leaders of groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah, the IAEA probe should continue. In order to certify Iran's future compliance with the JCPOA it is imperative that international regulators such as the IAEA have a clear picture of the past military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program.

While I have significant concerns about the JCPOA, I recognize that the IAEA has a crucial role in its implementation and verification. Closing the probe into Iran's past nuclear program is premature when many questions remain while Iran continues to be uncooperative. It would not set the tone of robust enforcement needed to ensure Iran's compliance with the JCPOA. I respectfully ask that you consider keeping the probe open when the IAEA next meets on December 15, 2015.

Sincerely,

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

Leonard Lance  
Member of Congress