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Secretary Kerry:

As Congress debated whether or not to approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), one of the chief promises made by the administration to the American people was that Iran would not receive sanctions relief until the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was able to alleviate its longstanding concerns over the Possible Military Dimensions (PMD) of Iran's nuclear program. Unfortunately, it appears that the American people were misled.

While Iranian officials repeatedly claimed that this "roadmap" agreement had no effect on the implementation of the greater treaty, the American people were assured that until the PMD issue was addressed, Iran would not receive sanctions relief. In response to a question regarding whether Iran would need to disclose its past military-related nuclear activities in order to finalize the agreement, you said in April, "They [Iran] have to do it. It will be done. If there's going to be a deal; it will be done." As recently as July, you promised that "PMD has to be resolved before they [Iran] get one ounce of sanctions relief."

However, recent reports state that resolving the PMD issue is not required in order for the agreement to go into effect and for sanctions on Iran to be relieved. In a *Wall Street Journal* report published on October 19, a senior U.S. official was quoted, saying, "That final assessment, which the IAEA is aiming to complete by December 15, is not a prerequisite for implementation day. We are not in a position to evaluate the quality...of the data. That is between Iran and the IAEA." In other words, the administration has backtracked on its promise that Iran's substantive cooperation with the IAEA was a necessary precondition for the implementation of the treaty and the lifting of sanctions.

The administration's position on PMD has either changed, or you never intended to insist that Iran resolve the PMD issue before providing sanctions relief. For this reason, we request that you explain these contradictory statements, and provide, in writing, precisely what the administration's position is on the necessity of resolving the PMD issue before sanctions relief.

We look forward to your prompt response on this important matter of national security.

Sincerely,



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