



November 28, 2011

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
United States Senate
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0103

Dear Senator Shelby:

It has been reported that one or more amendments to impose further unilateral U.S. sanctions on Iran will be offered to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 on the Senate floor. USA*ENGAGE urges you and your colleagues to oppose any such amendments.

In fact, the House Foreign Affairs Committee has unanimously reported out additional Iran sanctions legislation. The Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee has stated the committee is working on bipartisan Iran sanctions legislation. Just last week, the Administration implemented additional sanctions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), working in concert with U.S. allies to maintain a multilateral sanctions regime.

Given that the reported announced intent of the sanctions amendments is to target Iran's crude sales into the world oil market, the adverse effects on the world economy, and on vital U.S. interests, could be considerable. Such hasty, draconian, unilateral legislation would be ill advised at best.

If any Iran sanctions amendments do reach the floor, we urge you to vote no.

Please contact Richard Sawaya, Director, USA*Engage rsawaya@nftc.org, (202) 464 2024, if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Sawaya", written in a cursive style.

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