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USA*Engage Condemns JASTA Vote

Washington, DC - Today, the House (348-77) and Senate (97-1) voted to override President Obama's veto of S. 2040, the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA). USA*Engage had previously urged Congress to sustain the President's veto, because of potential harm to the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. Richard Sawaya, Vice President of USA*Engage, released the following statement responding to the vote.

"The Congressional vote to override the President's veto, while understandable, is regrettable. We applaud Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Bob Corker's effort to work with Ranking Member Ben Cardin to craft a prudential alternative that will not do violence to U.S. foreign policymaking and harm U.S. strategic interests."

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