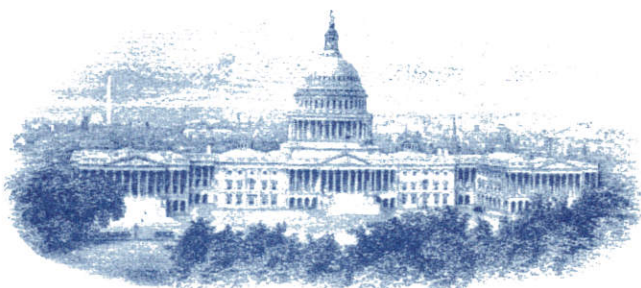


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April 7, 2016

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my deep concern about Russia's pending delivery of S-300 surface-to-air missile systems to Iran.

As you know, Russia will imminently begin the delivery of up to five Almaz S-300PMU-2 Favorit long-range surface-to-air missile systems to Iran. The much-anticipated air defense batteries can normally track up to a hundred targets and engage six of them simultaneously at a range of 200 km. Iranian officials have indicated interest in Russia's newer S-400 Triumf system as well.

These systems would significantly bolster Iran's offensive capabilities and introduce new obstacles to our efforts to eliminate the threat of an Iranian nuclear weapon. I believe existing U.S. sanctions should be used to deter Russia from transferring this or other dangerous weapons systems to Iran.

Iran's acquisition of these systems would embolden Tehran to adopt a more threatening regional posture and to pursue offensive activities detrimental to regional stability in the belief that the systems would deter retaliation.

While UN Security Council sanctions may not prohibit the transfer of these systems, U.S. law provides your Administration with the authority to apply U.S. sanctions in response. For example, the Iran-Iraq Arms Nonproliferation Act and the Iran Sanctions Act provide authority for you to sanction individuals or countries that you determine are aiding Iran's efforts to acquire or develop "destabilizing numbers and types of advanced conventional weapons."

Given the serious implications for the United States and our allies in the region, I respectfully request that you quickly determine that Russia's transfer of S-300 surface-to-air missile systems advance Iran's efforts to acquire "destabilizing numbers and types of advanced conventional weapons" and impose the necessary U.S. sanctions once the Russian delivery takes place. I am concerned that without such a determination the United States may be viewed as acquiescing to this transfer.

I look forward to receiving your decision. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Chabot", is written over a printed name.

Steve Chabot
Member of Congress