



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable
Steve Chabot
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chabot:

Thank you for your letter of April 7 to President Obama concerning Russia's pending delivery of S-300 surface to air missile systems to Iran. We have been asked to respond on the President's behalf. We regret the delay in responding to your inquiry.

We remain concerned about this and have strongly urged Russia not to proceed with the sale of an S-300 system to Iran, as the transfer of these surface-to-air weapons systems to Iran would add to tension in the region and be clearly inconsistent with our common nonproliferation goals.

The Department will continue to implement, as required, the various sanctions authorities we have to support our non-proliferation priorities. Both Secretary Kerry and the President take this issue very seriously, and we appreciate your concern on the topic as well.

We hope this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julia Frifield".

Julia Frifield
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