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March 16, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write as Democratic Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee regarding the Administration's decision to appoint Mr. Steve Witkoff and Mr. Jared Kushner to lead diplomatic engagement with Iran, and the Administration's continued refusal to make them available to Congress for oversight.

These individuals, both drawn from the real estate industry rather than diplomatic or national security backgrounds, were placed in charge of one of the most consequential negotiations facing the United States. The decisions made during this process have now resulted in an unauthorized military conflict with Iran, with profound consequences for the security of the American people, the stability of the Middle East, and global energy markets that directly affect American families.

Congress has both a constitutional responsibility and a clear national interest in understanding how these negotiations were conducted, what diplomatic strategy guided them, and what planning preceded the use of military force. Yet despite repeated requests, the Administration has

declined to make Mr. Witkoff or Mr. Kushner available for testimony or briefing before Congress.

At the same time, the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee has declined to hold a public hearing on these matters with Administration witnesses. Robust congressional oversight—particularly when the United States is engaged in military conflict—is not a partisan exercise. It is a fundamental component of our constitutional system of checks and balances.

If the Administration believes its approach toward Iran has been successful and justified, then it should welcome the opportunity to explain its decisions to Congress and the American people. Providing transparency about the diplomatic process, the assumptions underlying it, and the circumstances that led to military conflict would help strengthen public confidence in the Administration's actions.

Accordingly, we request that you:

1. Direct Mr. Steve Witkoff and Mr. Jared Kushner to appear before the House Foreign Affairs Committee for a public hearing at the earliest possible opportunity; and
2. Direct the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to appear before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, so Members of Congress can fulfill their oversight responsibilities, and the American people can better understand the Administration's strategy toward Iran.

The stakes of the current conflict, including risks to U.S. service members, regional stability, and the global economy, demand transparency and accountability. Congress and the American people deserve a clear explanation of the diplomatic and strategic decisions that brought us to this moment.

We look forward to your prompt cooperation with these requests.

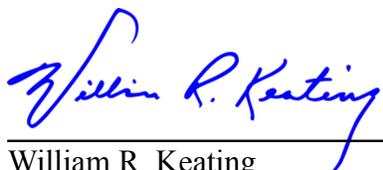
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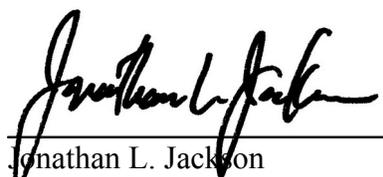
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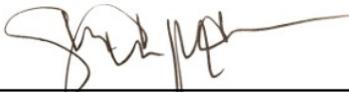
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