

July 23, 2015



Dear Friends,

As you know, this summer Congress will be reviewing the Iran nuclear agreement and it is imperative that our elected officials hear our voice. Federation leadership has read the agreement in its entirety and below is our statement on this matter of national security. Please contact your member of Congress today — the time is now.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware joins with Jewish communities across the country in urging Congress to oppose the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on Iran's Nuclear Program, signed on July 14, 2015.

The proposed agreement with Iran is not a partisan issue. It impacts the security of the United States, the stability of the Middle East, the future of the State of Israel and the safety of every Jewish family and community around the world. Iran is the world's greatest sponsor of global terrorism and is sworn to the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people. Thus, this Plan threatens the mission of our Federation as we exist to assure the continuity of the Jewish people, fight against Anti-Semitism, support a secure State of Israel and care for Jews in need here and abroad.

Our Federation supports a meaningful diplomatic solution that ends Iran's nuclear program. We recognize the efforts of the Administration to reach such an agreement. We regret and are gravely concerned that the proposed agreement allows Iran to remain a threshold nuclear state, does not allow for "anytime, anywhere" inspections of Iranian nuclear activities, and offers immediate rather than gradual sanctions relief without requiring Iran to address the prior military dimensions of its nuclear program.

The Plan also releases Iran from arms embargos in five years and ballistic missile sanctions in eight years. Iran's past behavior gives us reason to be concerned that these deadly weapons together with over \$100 billion to be promptly released to Iran will be used by terrorists including Hamas and Hezbollah and will embolden Iran's sinister behavior in the Middle East.

As Americans and Jews who yearn for peace and are invested in the future of our children and grandchildren, we must voice our concerns about an agreement that will destabilize a fragile region. We encourage members of our community to raise their voices in opposition to this agreement by contacting their elected representatives to urge them to oppose the Plan.

Congress has until September 18th to review the agreement. That means that by acting promptly, you can start the Jewish New Year knowing you made your voice heard when it counted. (Senator Tom Carper: 202-224-2441, Senator Christopher Coons: 202-224-5042, Representative John Carney: 202-225-4165)

L'Shalom,

Connie J. Sugarman, President, Jewish Federation of Delaware

John Elzufon, Esq., Chair, Jewish Community Relations Committee

2015-2016 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers:
CONNIE J. SUGARMAN
President

ALLISON LAND
DAVID MARGULES
WILLIAM WAGNER
Vice Presidents

STEVE BIENER
Secretary

LISA DADONE-WEINER
Assistant Secretary

MITCHELL H. STEINBERG
Treasurer

KEN BUBES
Assistant Treasurer

SETH J. KATZEN
Chief Executive Officer

Board of Directors:
Barbara Blumberg
Jack Blumenfeld
George Danneman
John A. Elzufon
Jeffrey Felzer
Suzanne B. Grant
Robin Kauffman Saran
Richard A. Levine
Michelle Margules
Andrew Rosen
Mitchell Saltzberg
Arlene Wilson

Local Beneficiary Agencies:

ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY
SIEGEL JCC

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF DELAWARE

KRISTOL CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE (HILLEL)

THE KUTZ HOME

National and International Partners:

JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA

JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL
AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

WORLD ORT

We Are Stronger TOGETHER

