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Dear Members of the Orange County Congressional Delegation,

I am writing to express urgent concerns regarding the actions of the President and the conduct of the war in Iran, and to request that our Congressional delegation act decisively and immediately to uphold its Constitutional powers to end this war of choice, before further escalation.

The President's recent rhetoric regarding the complete destruction of an entire "civilization" amounts to war crimes against civilians and runs afoul of both American and International laws and norms. Moreover, it reduces and dehumanizes the people of Iran as expendable collateral damage.

While I abhor the abuses of the Iranian regime, this war does nothing but increase the suffering of its people. The Iranian people have endured profound hardship, mourning the thousands of lives lost during the recent government massacre and ongoing abuses, while also living through ongoing violence, facing danger both on the ground from their own government and from the sky because of the war.



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The needless suffering this administration would impose on the people of Iran and other nations in the region, as well as its global impact, is unconscionable and needs to be stopped immediately. The President has recklessly overreached his Constitutional authority in declaring war on a sovereign nation without consulting Congress. This represents a troubling overreach of executive power. Congress must reassert its Constitutional role and revisit and enact a War Powers Resolution to ensure that decisions of war and peace are not made unilaterally.

I strongly urge you to oppose any additional supplemental military funding that would further prolong or escalate this conflict. Continued financial support absent accountability only deepens both the humanitarian and fiscal consequences.

I also ask that you stand with the families in our communities, those with loved ones in the region and those with family members serving in our armed forces, by taking meaningful steps to prevent further harm.

Given the severity of the situation, I encourage you and your colleagues to engage in serious discussions around all available Constitutional powers to safeguard our democracy, including through the use of a war powers resolution, opposing additional supplemental funding, and considering impeachment, or invoking the 25th Amendment, if warranted. Congress must perform its constitutionally mandated responsibility to serve as a check on executive power.

I respectfully request that our delegation move quickly to prevent the further usurpation of its Constitutional authority, prevent these atrocities from taking place, and protect civilians and our service members from needless deaths and suffering.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter that will define us as a people. I welcome your support in addressing these urgent concerns.

Sincerely,

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