

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Hillary Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

As you know, in 2005, Congress expanded the provisions of the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 to include Syria. Under the terms of this Act (now known as the Iran- North Korea- Syria Non-Proliferation Act, or INKSNA), the President is required to submit reports every 6 months to Congress that identify every foreign person credibly implicated in transferring material related to the production of weapons of mass destruction, or the means of delivering them, to or from Iran, Syria or North Korea.

We believe this Act to be of great importance to the nonproliferation objectives of the United States. As the President said in Prague last April, "Rules must be binding. Violations must be punished. Words must mean something." We agree.

Your Department, however, has failed to submit a single report under the INKSNA. As a consequence, it is not clear what the administration is doing to counter weapons of mass destruction proliferation activities relating to Syria (and Iran and North Korea). Given Syria's long-standing practice of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and the means to deliver them, we believe this to be a failure that must be corrected.

In light of the pending nomination of a U.S. ambassador to Syria, we suggest it would be prudent to submit the INKSNA reports pending since October of 2008 before asking the Senate to confirm this nomination.

Sincerely,



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