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Dear Friend,

Thank you for writing me to express your support for increased interaction between President Obama and Congress to create proper diplomacy with Iran and its nuclear program. As your representative, I appreciate hearing from you on this very important issue.

As you are aware, Iran's nuclear program has led to much debate here in the United States, and our relationship with Iran has been contentious. However, President Hassan Rouhani's recent election in Iran broke decades of diplomatic silence and opened the door for an agreement that significantly scaled back Iran's nuclear capabilities.

These recent changes in Iran give me hope and provide immense opportunity for diplomatic resolution. I applaud President Obama's major diplomatic efforts. As a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, I believe it is important for Congress to ensure that Iran's peaceful, cooperative rhetoric is followed by cooperative actions. The July 20th deadline of the previous nuclear agreement is fast approaching, and I believe that the president should better inform and engage Congress on this critical issue.

You will be pleased to hear that I signed a bipartisan letter that called for the president to increase his consultation with Congress concerning a potential sanctions relief package. Please rest assured that I will keep your views in mind as we move forward on this issue.

Thank you again for writing. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further assistance. If you would like to learn more about my position on other issues important to the 37th district, please visit my website at http://bass.house.gov/newsletter.

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Sincerely,

Karen Bass Member of Congress