

Please contact Congressperson, Mark Pocan, and Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson as noted below. Tell them to pressure President Trump into avoiding war with Iran at all costs sparing U.S. blood and treasure, and to encourage the U.S. and its allies to open new peace negotiations with Iran. Remind the President that it was he who said that he was going to rid the U.S. of wars and bring the troops home. Call upon The President to remain true to that pledge on behalf of all Americans.

Thank you!

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Article I of the Constitution, places the power to declare war and authorize offensive military force solely with Congress. The current authorization for the use of military force (AUMF), passed by Congress in 2001, does not provide the authority to engage in military action against Iran. Sen. Jim Hines, D-Conn. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/trumps-iran-moves-trigger-warnings-demands-from-co...>

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The growing, dangerous US-Iran standoff, explained

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The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln transits the Mediterranean Sea on April 24, 2019. *Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jeffery Southerland/Released/US Navy*

The United States seriously fears an imminent attack on its troops by Iran or its proxies. Iran signaled it may restart parts of its nuclear program in direct defiance of a landmark 2015 deal.

If tensions between Washington and Tehran were already high in the Trump era, they just increased substantially.

Starting on Sunday, the [Trump administration indicated](#) it had credible intelligence that Iran and groups it supports in the Middle East might attack US personnel based there. Two days later, reports of Iran's specific plans surfaced: They apparently intended to [target US troops](#) in Iraq and Syria, or [use drones](#) against Americans in a key waterway near Yemen.

A US defense official confirmed to me the existence of credible intelligence of specific Iranian threats, but wouldn't expand further.

As a result, the Trump administration has sent a [US aircraft carrier and bombers](#) to the region in an effort to deter an assault.

Meanwhile, [Iran](#) is poised to announce on Wednesday that it will resume small parts of its nuclear program. That's big: The [2015 nuclear agreement](#) between Iran and the US, as well as some European countries, put tight restrictions on Tehran's nuclear efforts in exchange for sanctions relief. But on May 8, 2018 — exactly one year ago this Wednesday — [President Donald Trump withdrew the US](#) from the agreement, saying it only paved Iran's path to the bomb.

Iran abided by the deal even after Trump's announcement, but now it seems the most predictable scenario has come true: Tehran wants to kick-start its nuclear program once again.

This is a fraught, delicate, and dangerous situation that could easily spiral out of control if not carefully managed in Washington and Tehran. Some experts are worried that cooler heads won't prevail.

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