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Subject: CAIR Urges YES Vote on S.J.Res.59 to End Unauthorized Hostilities Against Iran

Greetings:

On behalf of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, we urge you to vote **YES** tonight on **S.J.Res.59**, introduced by Senator Kaine, to require the "*removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.*"

Congress alone has the constitutional authority to declare war. Yet, U.S. military actions against Iran are occurring without Congressional authorization, placing American and civilian lives at grave risk and escalating the potential for a wider regional conflict.

Following last night's classified briefing to Congress, multiple reports confirm that the Trump administration failed to demonstrate any credible evidence of an imminent threat from Iran that could justify last weekend's strike under U.S. or international law. This raises serious legal and constitutional concerns.

Disturbingly, this strike was reportedly prompted by pressure from Israel's government, a troubling parallel to the way Israeli officials misled the U.S. into the disastrous Iraq War by promoting false claims about weapons of mass destruction.

S.J.Res.59 reaffirms Congress's constitutional war powers and makes clear that future U.S. involvement in hostilities against Iran must be preceded by public debate and explicit Congressional authorization.

This vote is about constitutional accountability, preventing another war, and ensuring Congress, not a foreign government, decides when and where American troops go to war.

We respectfully urge your support for S.J.Res.59.

Sincerely,

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