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Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland:

**Iran and Syria Will Remain Listed in Canada  
as “State Supporters of Terrorism”**

The Canada Gazette is the official newspaper of the Government of Canada. It is considered the official notice to all Canadians of public announcements, new acts, regulations and proclamations. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the Gazette reported that Canada will continue listing Iran and Syria as “State Supporters of Terrorism”.

Iran and Syria were initially listed under the provisions of the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act (JVTA) passed by Parliament in 2012. In the aftermath of the recent review the Foreign Minister determined that there are “still reasonable grounds” for these two states to remain listed. **Listed countries can be sued in Canada as state sponsors of terrorism by terror victims.** Tehran is insisting that Iran be removed from this list as a prerequisite to proceeding with reengagement – and is fighting in Canadian courts to have the JVTA overturned.

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## The Import of this Decision

*Iran's arguments against the JVTA appear to be "designed solely to frustrate Parliament's intention and the proper operation of the JVTA"*

(Ontario Court of Appeal)

**Iran's Campaign** – Canada is currently engaged in discussions with Iran to reestablish trade and diplomatic ties. Iran though, is enraged that Canadian courts have sided against the regime in a \$1.7 billion lawsuit launched by terror victims who utilized the JVTA to sue Iran as a state sponsor of terror. The judgment has irked this regime which is campaigning internationally to remove **ALL** sanctions of *any* sort against Iran. Tehran has therefore become increasingly aggressive in Canada and other western countries in mobilizing pro-regime constituencies to block **all sanctions initiatives and to stifle public debate** on Iran's terrorism and human rights violations which have only increased since the signing of the JCPOA.



**16,908**

final number of signatures  
on Parliamentary e-petition 275 (IRAN)

**TRUDEAU: KEEP IRAN ON THE TERROR SPONSOR LIST!**

**Delisting Iran is a red line that must not be crossed** – Delisting Iran would be tantamount to a Canadian declaration that Iran no longer sponsors terrorism; would leave victims unable to hold Iran accountable in Canadian courts; and would confer legitimacy on a regime which pours billions into terrorist activity. C-CAT therefore orchestrated a parliamentary campaign to ensure that regime pressure on Canada would not

result in tampering with the JVTA, and that Iran will remain listed as long as it continues to support terrorism. Formal petitions were introduced in Parliament accompanied by queries to the government by MPs and Senators from the floors of both chambers – and an electronic petition hosted on the Parliamentary website garnered almost 17,000 signatures from the across the country.

# “Mr. Speaker....”

## Selected Statements/Petitions in Parliament from MPs to keep Iran listed as a “State Supporter of Terror”

### Pierre Poilievre MP (Jun. 16-16)

Madam Speaker, I rise today to present a petition .... The petitioners call for the Government of Canada to maintain the listing of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism pursuant to section 6.1 of the State Immunity Act for as long as the Iranian regime continues to sponsor terrorism.

I think members will agree that protecting Israel and other nations against the threat of a nuclear Iran and against the threat of Iranian regime-funded terrorism should remain a vital imperative of the Government of Canada. The petitioners make this point in the petition that I am now tabling in the House. Their names will now go down into the record of Parliament as having committed to that position.

They encourage the government to protect all Canadians and Canada's allies against this threat, which for some nations may become existential, and the petitioners ask that the Government of Canada do its part in combatting this bellicose terrorist-sponsoring regime in Iran by maintaining the listing of the regime as a state sponsor of terrorism....

### Ben Shipley MP (Oct. 17-16)

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran and an Iran-sponsored terrorist group that has murdered many Canadian citizens and kidnapped, tortured, and murdered foreign diplomats. Iran has been designated a foreign state supporter of terrorism by Canada. Terror victims and their supporters across Canada seek a commitment from the Government of Canada that Iran will remain listed as a state supporter of terrorism....

### Alain Rayes MP (Sept. 27-16)

Mr. Speaker, I am presenting a petition that calls on the Government of Canada to maintain the listing of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state supporter of terrorism, pursuant to section 6.1 of the State Immunity Act, for as long as the Iranian regime continues to support terrorism....

### Dave Van Kesteren (Oct. 5-16)

Mr. Speaker, I too have a couple of petitions. The first petition calls on the Government of Canada to maintain the listing of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism, pursuant to section 6.1 of the State Immunity Act, for as long as the Iranian regime continues to sponsor terrorism....

**Dean Allison MP** (Jun. 7-16)

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition calling on the Government of Canada to maintain the listing of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state supporter of terrorism, pursuant to section 6.1 of the State Immunity Act, for as long as the Iranian regime continues to sponsor terrorism....

**Karen Vecchio MP** (Jun.16-16)

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of Canadians, requesting that the Government of Canada maintain the listing of Islamic Republic of Iran as a state supporter of terrorism, pursuant to section 6.1 of the State Immunity Act, for as long as the Iranian regime continues to sponsor terrorism....

**David Sweet MP** (Jun. 3-16)

Madam Speaker, I have two separate petitions.... The first petition calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain the listing of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state supporter of terrorism, pursuant to section 6.1 of the State Immunity Act, for as long as the Iranian regime continues to sponsor terrorism....

**James Bezan MP** (Sept.19-16)

Mr. Speaker... the petition I wish to present is signed by many people from across Canada. The petitioners are looking to the Government of Canada to maintain the listing of ... of Iran .... We all know that the government of Iran is a major sponsor of terrorism around the world. We want to ensure that the Government of Canada, although it has decided to open up a diplomatic relationship with the regime, does not take it off the terrorist list both as a government but also with its Quds force as well....

**Tony Clement MP** (May 3-16)

Mr. Speaker ... I rise in the House today to present a petition put forward by the Canadian Coalition Against Terror and signed by dozens of Canadians, who call for the Government of Canada to maintain a listing of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism....

**Garnett Genuis MP** (May 6-16)

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition about a subject we have been discussing quite a bit ... the situation with Iran. The petition specifically calls on the government to ensure that ...Iran continues to be identified as a state sponsor of terrorism until such time as it stops sponsoring terrorism....

**David Anderson MP** (Dec.14-16)

Mr. Speaker, my ... petition calls on the Government ...to maintain the listing of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state supporter of terrorism for as long as the Iranian regime continues to sponsor terrorism....