

US Senate Iran Vote

September 10, 2015

**MEET THE 42 ANTI-AMERICAN SENATE MEMBERS WHO DID NOT LET THIS NATION VOTE ON OBAMA'S IRAN DEAL.
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NAME	STATE	PARTY	QUOTE
Tammy Baldwin	Wisconsin	D	"Simply put, I do not believe that rejecting this agreement is in our national security interest"
Michael Bennett	Colorado	D	"We will carefully scrutinize the terms of this agreement. The stakes are high and the details of this deal matter,"
Richard Blumenthal	Connecticut	D	"I've raised issues with the administration. I'm awaiting responses, and they could be determinative,"
Cory Booker	New Jersey	D	"We have now passed a point of no return that we should have never reached, leaving our nation to choose between two imperfect, dangerous and uncertain options, ... "Left with these two choices, I nonetheless believe it is better to support a deeply flawed deal, for the alternative is worse."
Barbara Boxer	California	D	"In my view, this agreement is the only way to ensure that Iran's nuclear program is used exclusively for civilian purposes, which is in the best interest of the United States, Israel and the world,"
Sherrod Brown	Ohio	D	"This deal is not about trusting the Iranian regime, but instead working with our allies on comprehensive, verifiable restrictions to block Iran's pathways to a nuclear bomb without precipitating another war in the Middle East,"
Maria Cantwell	Washington	D	
Tom Carper	Delaware	D	The deal "beats the likely alternative - war with Iran - hands down,"
Bob Casey, Jr.	Pennsylvania	D	
Chris Coons	Delaware	D	"We are better off trying diplomacy first,"
Joe Donnelly	Indiana	D	"I owe it to the men and women of our Armed Forces and to the people of Indiana to have exhausted every other option to stop Iran before we would consider putting any of our servicemembers in harm's way,"
Dick Durbin	Illinois	D	"Finding a diplomatic solution will make our country, our allies and the world a safer place,"
Dianne Feinstein	California	D	"I stand behind the U.S. negotiating team and will support this agreement in the Senate,"
Al Franken	Minnesota	D	"[T]o take the extraordinary step of rejecting it — because of clearly unrealistic expectations, because of a hunger to send Americans into another war, or, worst of all, because of petty partisanship — would be a terrible mistake,"
Kirsten Gillibrand	New York	D	"Our goal has been, and remains, to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. We have far more ability to achieve that outcome if we approve this deal,"
Martin Heinrich	New Mexico	D	"This deal sets the stage for a safer and more stable Middle East and a more secure United States of America,"
Heidi Heitkamp	North Dakota	D	
Mazie Hirono	Hawaii	D	Iran's nuclear program "will be disabled for many years" under the deal.
Tim Kaine	Virginia	D	"dramatic improvement over the status quo."
Angus King	Maine	I	"The current alternatives, if this agreement is rejected, are either unrealistic or downright dangerous and so, based upon what we know now, I intend to vote in favor of the agreement,"
Amy Klobuchar	Minnesota	D	"While the agreement is by no means perfect, I have concluded that it is our best available option to put the brakes on Iran's development of a nuclear weapon and that is why I will support it, ... In conjunction with that support I will also push for increased security assistance to Israel and enhanced defense cooperation with our Arab allies to combat terrorism throughout the region."

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Patrick Leahy	Vermont	D	"I know from my conversations with the president and Secretary Kerry and Moniz how difficult this was. I also know from my conversations with them, they were prepared to walk away than settle for a bad deal. ... This is not a bad deal,"
Ed Markey	Massachusetts	D	"I believe our negotiators achieved as much as they reasonably could, and that if strictly implemented, this plan can be effective,"
Claire McCaskill	Missouri	D	"This deal isn't perfect and no one trusts Iran, but it has become clear to me that the world is united behind this agreement with the exception of the government of Israel,... I respect and understand those who oppose it but I have become convinced that it is more dangerous to Israel, America and our allies to walk away in the face of unified world-wide support."
Jeff Merkley	Oregon	D	I believe our negotiators achieved as much as they reasonably could, and that if strictly implemented, this plan can be effective,"
Barbara Mikulski	Maryland	D	"No deal is perfect, especially one negotiated with the Iranian regimeI have concluded that this Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is the best option available to block Iran from having a nuclear bomb. For these reasons, I will vote in favor of this deal"
Chris Murphy	Connecticut	D	"The test for this agreement, then, is simple: is Iran less likely to obtain a nuclear weapon with this deal than without it? Because I answer this question affirmatively, I will support this agreement when it comes before the United States Senate for a vote in September,"
Patty Murray	Washington	D	"I am hopeful that this deal will be implemented and will move us closer to our goal of preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, but I will be monitoring it closely and will be ready to join others in moving quickly on other options if Iran choses to pursue an unacceptable path,"
Bill Nelson	Florida	D	"If the U.S. walks away from this multinational agreement, I believe we would find ourselves alone in the world with little credibility,"
Gary Peters	Michigan	D	"I will be reviewing the agreement in great detail to ensure that it includes the dismemberment of Iran's nuclear weapons-related infrastructure, full disclosure from Iran on nuclear activities, and enhanced oversight and inspections of Iranian facilities, as well as reinstatement of sanctions if Iran backs out of the deal,"
Jack Reed	Rhode Island	D	"No one assumes Iran will change its stripes, which is why the agreement is built on a foundation of intrusive inspections and constant verification"
Harry Reid	Nevada	D	"I'm going to do everything in my power to make sure the deal stands,"
Bernie Sanders	Vermont	I	"This agreement is obviously not all that many of us would have liked but it beats the alternative — a war with Iran that could go on for years"
Brian Schatz	Hawaii	D	"This is the best possible way to deny Iran from acquiring the bomb. It is what is best for the United States, Israel, and peace in the region."
Jeanne Shaheen	New Hampshire	D	"Rejecting this agreement would leave us with no credible non-military options for stopping Iran's nuclear weapons program"
Debbie Stabenow	Michigan	D	"I have determined that the imminent threat of Iran having a nuclear weapon outweighs any flaws I see in the international agreement. For this reason, I must support the agreement"
Jon Tester	Montana	D	"the only option right now"
Tom Udall	New Mexico	D	"I urge my colleagues to support this agreement, ... We have a choice between this deal or no deal. I do not believe we will get another chance."
Mark Warner	Virginia	D	"This agreement is just the beginning, and not the end, of our combined international efforts to keep Iran free of nuclear weapons,"
Elisabeth Warren	Massachusetts	D	"This agreement is just the beginning, and not the end, of our combined international efforts to keep Iran free of nuclear weapons,"
Sheldon Whitehouse	Rhode Island	D	"Short of war, with all its dramatic uncertainties and terrible costs, I do not see another pathway to impose a nuclear weapons-free Iran"
Ron Wyden	Oregon	D	"I said all along I was skeptical that Iran's leaders would agree to dismantle their nuclear weapons program and I have questions about whether this agreement accomplishes that, particularly in light of Iran's history on this issue, ... However, I will use my seat on the Senate Intelligence Committee to thoroughly review the details."