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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 1.8 million members of the AFT, I write in support of S.J.Res.104, a bipartisan resolution that requires congressional authority before using military force against Iran.

For years, the AFT has stood with Iranians who have suffered under the Khamenei regime in Iran. The people of Iran have fought bravely for freedom, justice and fundamental human rights for more than three decades, and have courageously confronted an authoritarian, theocratic regime. During this time, the AFT has consistently stood in solidarity with our fellow unionists and the Iranian people, most recently in late February when our executive council [resolved](#) both to support all Iranians fighting repression and to oppose U.S. military intervention.

A key part of that solidarity was expressed in our long-time support of the Coordinating Council of Iranian Teachers' Trade Associations, which has fought valiantly for recognition of a legitimate right to protest for all Iranians, an immediate end to the state violence against protesters, the release of those who have been arrested and detained, and policies that address the economic and political conditions that have given rise to these protests—intense poverty, widespread unemployment, runaway inflation and rampant government corruption. The president's choice to ultimately pursue military action, after long eschewing diplomatic efforts like the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, was wrong for so many reasons. The administration's failure to make a public case for military intervention, to lay out any strategy or goals to the American people, and to seek congressional authority follows suit. We are now seeing the impact of the administration's failure to make a solid case to the American people to justify the operation's potential risks.

A growing number of Americans do not want new wars to emerge that result in the loss of American lives while costing taxpayers potentially billions of dollars. A recent [survey](#) in the *Washington Post* reflected this sentiment, finding that Americans oppose President Donald Trump's ordering airstrikes on Iran by 52 percent to 39 percent. Additionally, the *Post* reported that nearly twice as many Americans say the U.S. should stop strikes on Iran rather than continue them.

That is why today's vote is so important. Congress should assert its constitutionally defined roles and responsibilities, all designed to ensure that decisions putting our service members at risk and committing our nation's other resources are shared and

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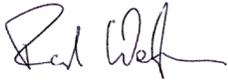
not held exclusively by one branch of our government. Finally, this resolution makes an important statement about not surrendering or ignoring the requirements of the Constitution.

The American people have been clear in saying that they want Congress to focus on lowering prices and addressing affordability, not on dangerous, costly and unjustified military actions with no end in sight.

Again, I urge you to use this opportunity to vote YES on this resolution and oppose reckless foreign policy with no accountability.

Thank you for considering our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randi Weingarten". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randi" and last name "Weingarten" clearly distinguishable.

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