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**President Elect Joe Biden  
Vice President Elect Kamala Harris**

**Subject: Congratulations on Your Election and  
Thoughts on Returning to Compliance with the JCPOA**

The Board of Directors of the Peace Corps Iran Association (PCIA) would like to extend to you our congratulations on your successful campaign for the presidency and vice presidency of the United States.

As a non-partisan organization, representing 1,800 Peace Corps Volunteers who served in Iran between 1962 and 1976, we do not take sides on political campaigns, but we do see ourselves as guardians of the Peace Corps' legacy in Iran – that of promoting peace, respect and mutual understanding among the peoples of these two great nations.

Since your election we have received many messages from friends, former students and colleagues in Iran who wish to express their joy at your election and the potential that it holds for restoring the respectful and constructive relationship which was emerging in the last years of the Obama-Biden administration.

We are greatly encouraged that you have staked out an unambiguous goal of returning the United States to full compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action, conditioned only on an Iranian commitment to do the same. Compliance-for-compliance is the only fair and timely way to overcome the burdens of President Trump's counterproductive 'maximum pressure' tactics and to recreate the trust and the international structure necessary to constrain Iran's nuclear program. Once that structure is restored it can and should be used as the basis for addressing a host of regional security issues.

You have our encouragement and support as you fill key positions in your administration with career professionals dedicated to using diplomacy and not military coercion to create a more just and stable situation in the greater Middle East.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Gottlieb  
President  
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