

# PRELUDE TO WAR? Amendment to Defense Authorization Bill would impose indiscriminate sanctions against Iran

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Moments ago, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and Senator Mark Kirk introduced an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill that would impose the broadest, most indiscriminate sanctions possible against Iran—sanctions against Bank Markazi, Iran’s central bank.

This is the step that many have called “the nuclear option” and which U.S. officials recently testified could create an “oil spike” that would benefit the Iranian regime, hurt the Iranian people, and cause a recession by raising gas prices in the U.S. and around the world.

But Senator Kirk (R-IL) and his allies like Representative Brad Sherman (D-CA) believe that if we can “collapse Iran’s economy,” it will cause so much suffering among ordinary Iranians that they will overthrow the regime. This is the same disastrously failed strategy that helped kill half a million Iraqis throughout the 90’s while Saddam and his regime profited, and which ultimately only ends in war.

The Senate bill will likely go to a vote after Thanksgiving. Meanwhile, the House’s indiscriminate sanctions bill is expected to go to a vote that same week. That means we have a short window of time to stop these measures. So, I would ask that you please tell as many of your friends and family as you can to [send their own letters to their elected officials](#) so we can stop these bills. I also encourage you to call your Senators and Congressmen (you can get their phone numbers [here](#)) and tell them you oppose these broad sanctions and oppose war with Iran. If we can get enough voices to step up and oppose this, we can stop it.

Thanks for all your help.

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