

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 2026

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I write to inform you of changes in the posture of United States Forces in the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility (AoR) as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93-148).

On March 2, 2026, I reported to the Congress that on February 28, 2026, United States Forces had initiated Operation Epic Fury and begun conducting precision strikes against the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I ordered that operation consistent with my responsibility to protect Americans and United States interests at home and abroad, and in furtherance of United States national security and foreign policy interests.

On April 7, 2026, I ordered a 2-week ceasefire. The ceasefire has since been extended. There has been no exchange of fire between United States Forces and Iran since April 7, 2026. The hostilities that began on February 28, 2026, have terminated.

Despite the success of United States operations against the Iranian regime and continued efforts to secure a lasting peace, the threat posed by Iran to the United States and our Armed Forces remains significant. Accordingly, the Department of War continues to update its force posture in the AoR in select countries, as necessary and appropriate, to address Iranian and Iranian proxy forces' threats and to protect the United States and its allies and partners. These changes are more fully outlined in the classified attachment to this letter.

I have and will continue to direct United States Armed Forces consistent with my responsibilities and pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct United States foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive.

As the situation evolves, I will continue to update the Congress on noteworthy changes in the United States Armed Forces presence, consistent with the War Powers Resolution. I appreciate the support of the Congress in these actions.

Sincerely,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Johnson". The signature is highly stylized with many overlapping loops and sharp points.

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515