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The Honorable John Kerry  
Secretary of State  
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

In Mark Dubowitz and Jonathan Schanzer's Sunday Wall Street Journal piece, 'Dollarizing the Ayatollahs', they discuss the possibility that the Administration may be considering permitting Iranian banks to clear financial transactions by utilizing U.S. dollars. Respectfully, I would appreciate your response to the following questions:

- 1) Is this true?
- 2) In the past year, how many Iranian banks have offered financial support, of any kind, to Hamas?
- 3) To Hezbollah?
- 4) To any other designated foreign terrorist organization?
- 5) What is the name of each bank covered by your response to questions two through four, above?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope Mr. Dubowitz and Mr. Schanzer are mistaken, and I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress