

Obama Threatens Veto of National Defense Bill denying Restitution for Victims of Iran Terrorism



American Victims of Iranian Terrorism

Screenshot, US Rep. Meeham Facebook

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Thursday, October 1, 2015, Congress is scheduled to vote on the [National Defense Authorization Act](#) (NDAA) of 2016. However, President Obama has threatened to veto the NDAA because one of the provisions would bar him from lifting Iranian sanctions under the JCPOA. Among several amendments incorporated in the NDAA that the President objects to is the [Justice for Victims of Iranian Terrorism](#) H.R.3457 sponsored by Rep. Pat Meeham (R-PA) as HR and in the Senate by Senators Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Mark Kirk (R-Ill) , S 2086. As Ken Timmerman [noted](#) in his *Threat Blog*, the Act would:

Require the Islamic Republic of Iran to pay an estimated \$43 billion to victims of terrorism before the U.S. government would unfreeze Iranian government assets under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), otherwise known as the Iran nuclear deal.”

Adam Kredo in a *Washington Free Beacon* [article](#) on the legislation noted the background and comments of Senator Kirk:

The \$43 billion in damages to American terror victims were assessed as a result of some 50 U.S. court cases in recent years, according to official government estimates.

[...]

Iranian-backed terrorist groups, for example, have killed more than 700 Americans, including