



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-4302

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to express my strong concern about reports that the Administration is engaged in policy discussions, and possible bilateral negotiations, with the Government of Pakistan related to its nuclear program which may include U.S. support for a U.S.-Pakistan civilian nuclear agreement, relaxation of Nuclear Suppliers Group export controls and possibly also NSG membership.

As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on the House Foreign Affairs Committee responsible for nonproliferation issues, I request that a briefing on this issue be arranged for me as soon as possible. As you know, this matter is especially urgent and important given that Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will be in Washington this week.

Among vital U.S. national security interests is to ensure that the Pakistan has a safe and secure nuclear arsenal and infrastructure. Constraining Pakistan's nuclear weapons program and its development and its ability to threaten India and other countries is also a key U.S. objective. However, as you well know, Pakistan's nuclear program has been built through the theft of technology, deception, and clandestine international cooperation. Its record of unabated nuclear proliferation, first as a recipient and then as an active proliferator of nuclear know-how and technology to Iran, Libya, and North Korea, is long and well-documented.

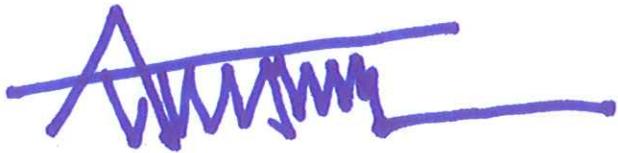
If you consider the US-Indian civilian nuclear cooperation, the contrast cannot be starker. India had no record of nuclear-related proliferation. Pakistan has yet to come clean on its nuclear (and missile) dealings with China, North Korea, Iran and Libya. India did not try to cover up or grandfather nuclear cooperation with other countries – because there was none. Pakistan continues its efforts to grandfather reactor deals with China. India committed to a separation of its military and civilian programs, while Pakistan has not.

Most importantly, Pakistan continues to harbor terrorist groups that attack American troops and interests in Afghanistan. The Pakistani Army, which is also the custodian of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, continues to use terrorism as an instrument of state policy when it comes to pursuing their strategic goals in neighboring India and Afghanistan.

Simply put, Pakistan's current and past record is disqualifying for any consideration by the U.S. to support civilian nuclear cooperation with Pakistan bilaterally or in any relevant multilateral forum.

I appreciate your consideration of these views and I look forward to a briefing on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TED POE', written over a horizontal line.

TED POE  
Member of Congress