

Lincoln, NE – Congressman Jeff Fortenberry commented today on the newly-released International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report on Iran's controversial nuclear program. In the report, the nuclear watchdog concludes that mounting evidence “raises concerns about the possible existence in Iran of past and current undisclosed activities related to the development of a nuclear payload for a missile.”

“The International Atomic Energy Agency has sounded the alarm on the Iranian regime's drive to nuclear weapons capability in defiance of longstanding international commitments,” Fortenberry said. “The Agency's new Director-General, Yukiya Amano, deserves credit for issuing a forthright and honest assessment regarding the scope of Iran's nuclear ambitions.”

“Unless the international community imposes global pressure on Iran's clerical, political and military elites, Iran will continue to move closer and closer to possessing an ability to make a nuclear bomb on short notice,” Fortenberry said. “Congress must now quickly pass pending sanctions legislation that targets the Iranian regime and especially the assets of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. The international community must also commit.”

Fortenberry is a Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He is also co-founder of the Congressional Nuclear Security Caucus, a bipartisan task force that seeks to reduce nuclear dangers worldwide.

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