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WHY IS SCHAKOWSKY STILL CELEBRATING DISASTROUS IRAN DEAL?

Challenger Lasonde Speaks Out Against Schakowsky's Support of Deal, which Imperiled U.S., Israel, Other Allies

WILMETTE, Illinois – Congressional candidate Joan McCarthy Lasonde reacted to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's continued support of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), otherwise known as the Iran Deal:

"Last week came White House admission of yet another shameful aspect of last year's deal with Iran that was withheld from the American public: The United States sent a plane with \$400 million in cash contingent on release of American prisoners. My opponent, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, remains an outspoken, unapologetic supporter of the deal. Shame on her: The agreement was a dangerous, colossal mistake, sold dishonestly to the American public.

- "The deal was spun for the public almost entirely as a matter of restricting Iranian progress towards building nuclear weapons, but since its implementation, we've learned the truth:
- "\$50 to \$100 billion dollars (depending on whom you believe – The Obama Administration itself has given vastly different numbers) – of frozen assets were released to Iran, much of which we can expect will be used by Iran to continue its role as the primary sponsor of terror in the Middle East. Untold additional hundreds of billions will also come to Iran because sanctions on its oil sales were lifted as part of the deal. Whether the deal will slow Iranian progress towards getting nuclear weapons is dubious at best. Our rights to inspect for compliance should have been unfettered. Instead, they are limited and require prior notice to the Iranians. The Israeli Prime Minister says the deal assures Iran will get nuclear weapons, 'and lots of them.'
- "The deal was negotiated without any notice to, much less input from, our only democratic ally in the region, whose annihilation is threatened by it: Israel.
- "The deal was sold to the American public through media manipulation, as detailed in a New York Times interview of Ben Rhodes, a 38-year old, arrogant, key communications specialist for the Obama Administration. 'We created an echo chamber,' Rhodes said. Supporters of the deal were simply 'saying things that validated what we had given them to say.'
- "And now comes admission from the Administration that the \$400 million cash payment to Iran was contingent on the release of four American prisoners – despite earlier denials, and in the face of a long-standing position of the United States not to pay ransom for hostages.

"Let's Celebrate the One-Year Anniversary of the Iran Deal,' wrote Jan Schakowsky last month in an op-ed.

"No. Ms. Schakowsky should be apologizing for supporting a monumental mistake."

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