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### **An Open Letter to Congress on its War Powers Obligations Regarding Iran**

Dear Senators and Representatives,

On behalf of Concerned Veterans for America and the thousands of veterans and military families around the country we represent, I write to address the unfulfilled statutory obligation under the War Powers Resolution of 1973 (50 U.S.C. §§ 1541-1548) regarding ongoing Congressionally unauthorized military operations in Iran.

Operation Epic Fury commenced on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The White House provided its statutory war powers [report](#) under the War Powers Resolution (WPR) to Congress on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Congressional action provisions of the WPR (50 U.S.C §1554) state that unauthorized military action must terminate within 60 calendar days of such a report, absent explicit Congressional authorization. This language also empowers Congress to direct the removal of U.S. forces from unauthorized hostilities at any point.

Operation Epic Fury has received no authorization from Congress, and April 30<sup>th</sup> will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> day since the White House formally notified legislators. Congress allowing 60 days to pass without authorizing or ending the largest U.S. military operation in decades would be a dereliction of its most important constitutional duty.

American servicemembers have the courage to put their lives on the line in defense of our nation when called to do so. Members of Congress should have the courage to vote on whether to ask our troops to make those sacrifices and to debate on whether doing so serves vital American national interests. The Father of our Constitution, James Madison, wrote in 1793, that “in no part of the constitution is more wisdom to be found than in the clause which confides the question of war or peace to the legislature, and not to the executive department.” It is time for Congress to step up to the duty our Founders envisioned for it.

Sincerely,

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