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RZA Calls for Full Transparency and Verification in U.S.–Iran Agreement

New York, NY — June 18, 2026 — The Religious Zionists of America-Mizrachi (RZA) welcomes any genuine effort to prevent the Islamic Republic of Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and to reduce the threat of war in the Middle East. However, the recently published Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Iran raises serious questions that must be addressed before sanctions are lifted or economic benefits are conferred upon the Iranian regime.

For nearly half a century, Iran has sponsored terrorism, destabilized neighboring states, armed proxy organizations including Hezbollah, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, threatened Israel's destruction, and repeatedly violated international norms. The burden of proof therefore rests with Tehran—not with those who question its intentions.

The published MOU appears to provide significant economic relief and access to financial resources while postponing resolution of critical issues, including long-term verification, enforcement mechanisms, missile development, support for terrorist organizations, and the ultimate disposition of Iran's nuclear infrastructure.

"The Jewish people have learned through bitter experience that promises alone do not guarantee security," said Stephen M. Flatow, President of the Religious Zionists of America–Mizrachi. "Any agreement with Iran must be judged not by its aspirations but by its ability to prevent Iran from threatening Israel, the United States, and its neighbors."

RZA urges the Administration and Congress to make public all relevant documents, side agreements, verification protocols, and enforcement provisions. The American people, Israel, and our regional allies deserve to understand precisely what obligations Iran has undertaken and what consequences will follow if those obligations are violated.

The Iranian people deserve freedom. The nations threatened by Iran deserve security. Both require more than hopeful assumptions. They require transparency, accountability, and verifiable compliance.

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