

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 30, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing out of deep concern with recent revelations concerning India's misappropriation of controlled U.S. space-related technology. These newly revealed facts, as well as India's growing defense relationship with the Islamic Republic of Iran, lead us to conclude that the transfer to India of controlled U.S.-origin materials and technologies would be detrimental to the interests of the United States at the current time.

India's apparent willingness to contravene its written pledges to observe U.S. export control restrictions raises serious questions about the sincerity of India's own export control efforts, as well as India's pledge to harmonize its export control laws and regulations with international standards. Furthermore, India's deepening formal defense ties with Iran, perhaps including missile and space launch technologies, lead us to believe that controlled U.S. items and technologies could come under Iran's control.

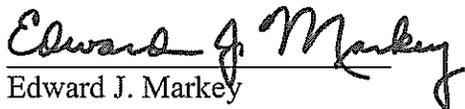
Indian entities have been repeatedly sanctioned by the United States for providing WMD-related materials to Iran. Most recently, the Congress was notified July 28, 2006 of sanctions against two Indian entities for the transfer of missile-related materials to Iran. Significantly, this Congressional notification came just after the House voted to approve the changes in U.S. law sought by your Administration to allow civilian nuclear trade with India. On July 24, 2006, Reps. Markey, Tauscher, and Lee wrote to Secretary Rice urging her to notify Congress of the outstanding sanctionable activities before the scheduled House vote on the Henry J. Hyde Act. Unfortunately, the Congress was denied the opportunity to review the relevant information on sanctions of Indian entities for WMD-related transfers to Iran before voting to allow civilian nuclear trade with India.

The recent indictment of Indian individuals, which included an unnamed coconspirator identified as an Indian government official working in the Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C., resulted from an apparently lengthy investigation by the United States Justice Department. Just as did your Administration's late notification to Congress of sanctionable activities by Indian entities, this indictment raises again the question of whether information is being withheld from Congress that is directly relevant to our ongoing legislative responsibilities relating to a possible opening up of civilian nuclear commerce to India.

We would like to request that you urge India to immediately cease military-to-military contact and cooperation with Iran. As you are aware, such behavior endangers the positive U.S.-India relationship. Furthermore, in light of the recent indictment, there exists a significant potential for controlled U.S.-origin materials and technologies to come under Iranian control as a result of defense cooperation with India.

Unless and until you can certify that India has ended its defense relationship with Iran, we will oppose licenses for the export of missile-related or peaceful space-related items and technologies to India. We must also inform you that continuation of an Indo-Iranian defense relationship is likely to imperil all prospects for future civil nuclear cooperation with India.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Markey

  
Ellen O. Tauscher