



Reaction to Operation Epic Fury

By U.S. Senator Dave McCormick

In recent days, the United States has taken decisive action against the Iranian regime to eliminate the threat the regime posed on Americans and our allies in the region. For decades, this regime has killed Americans, threatened Israel and our allies with ballistic missiles and nuclear ambitions, and terrorized its own people. They are the world's number one sponsor of terror.

President Trump gave the ayatollahs every opportunity for an off-ramp and a path to peace and prosperity, yet they refused. In striking Iran, the president acted fully within his constitutional authority as Commander in Chief under Article II Section II of the Constitution, and Members of Congress were properly briefed ahead of the campaign. Let's be clear about the facts: this action was lawful and necessary for our country's national security.

With the removal of Ayatollah Khamenei, there is now a potential opening for a freer and more prosperous future for the Iranian people. The president is laying the groundwork for the people of Iran to pursue a new destiny.

As this military operation continues, there are very real threats to our homeland. That's why it is critical that we fully fund the Department of Homeland Security to defend against cyber threats, terrorist attacks, and other tactics the Iranian regime has used for years. Our national security must never become a political game.

At the same time, we must seize this moment and stay on offense—not just militarily, but morally and strategically. I was proud to introduce the bipartisan Iran Human Rights, Internet Freedom, and Accountability Act of 2026 with Senator Jacky Rosen this past week. This legislation expands internet access to counter Tehran's blackouts, sanctions regime human rights abusers and their enablers, and stands with the brave Iranian people demanding freedom. Read more about this legislation here.

The bottom line is simple: we must eliminate the regime's ability to kill Americans and threaten our allies, protect our homeland, and stand firmly on the side of liberty. Dina and I will continue to pray for our brave soldiers serving overseas and grieve those who lost their lives in selfless service to our nation.



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