Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 201510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell and Senator Reid,

As Members of the House of Representatives, we respectfully urge the Senate to modify its rules to a majority vote threshold of 51 senators to approve some legislation. Some pieces of legislation, like the Iran nuclear deal, are simply so consequential that they demand revisions to the Senate's procedures.

The American people sent us to Congress to represent their interests and to take actions that benefit our great nation. Yet, time and again we hear from our constituents that Congress either isn't listening or is incapable of performing its basic responsibilities as a legislature.

Our request to eliminate the filibuster for some votes simply underscores that in a democracy the majority should decide. The super-majority now required to advance legislation is 60 votes, which is not serving our country well.

We are under no illusion that the elimination of the Senate filibuster for some votes will guarantee the passage of legislation much less its enactment into law. However, a move by the Senate to a majority vote that can approve some legislation would make it much easier for Congress to advance meaningful solutions to challenges our country faces.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We stand ready to work with you and your Senate colleagues to improve our legislative process.

Sincerely,

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