



SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL FIGHTING FOR AMERICAN STRENGTH ABROAD



Supported Greater Transparency and Accountability in Foreign Aid. In 2009, Sen. McCaskill cosponsored the Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act (S. 1524), legislation to strengthen the capacity, transparency and accountability of U.S. foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges. This legislation would make additional information on foreign aid funding available to the public through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) website, and take important steps to modernize USAID operations around the world.

Passed Tougher Sanctions Against Iran. In 2009, Sen. McCaskill cosponsored and strongly supported the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009 (S. 908), legislation to allow for tougher sanctions against Iran if Iran continued to enrich uranium in defiance of the international community. With Claire's strong support, this legislation passed the Senate by an overwhelming margin and was signed into law in July of 2010 as the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (H.R. 2194). In 2011, Sen. McCaskill cosponsored an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act to impose sanctions on the Central Bank of Iran. The amendment passed, along with the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (S. 1867), receiving strong bipartisan support. These sanctions have effectively robbed the Iranian regime of much needed oil revenue and rallied the international community to isolate Iran's government.

Pressured Federal Agencies to Comply with New Sanctions Against Iran. In 2011, Sen. McCaskill used her position as Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight to ensure that the new Iran sanctions law was being properly enforced. McCaskill requested a Government Accountability Office (GAO) independent investigation into federal agencies' compliance with the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, which allowed for tougher sanctions against Iran if Iran continued to enrich uranium in defiance of the international community.

Pushed for Stricter Enforcement of Iran Sanctions Laws. In 2011, Sen. McCaskill cosponsored the Iran Transparency and Accountability Act (S. 366), legislation that would further enforce existing sanctions against Iran by requiring U.S. companies to disclose any sanctionable investments in Iran in their quarterly and annual reports. The legislation would also require U.S. banks to report sanctionable activities by their foreign correspondent banks.

Rejected the Unilateral Declaration of a Palestinian State. In 2011, Sen. McCaskill cosponsored Senate Resolution 185, which reaffirmed her support for a

negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and reaffirmed her opposition to the new unity government formed between Hamas and Fatah.

Condemned the Formation of a Palestinian Unity Government that Included the Terrorist Organization Hamas. In 2011, Sen. McCaskill sent a letter to President Barack Obama condemning the Fatah-Hamas unity government and expressing her concern about efforts by the Palestinians to pursue statehood through the United Nations.

Condemned Libya for Celebrating the Lockerbie Bomber's Release from Prison. In 2009, Sen. McCaskill cosponsored Senate Resolution 253, which condemned Libya for its deplorable behavior giving the Lockerbie Bomber, Abdelbeset Ali Mohamed al Megrahi, a hero's welcome upon his 2009 release from prison. Al Megrahi was responsible for the December 1988 bombing of Pam Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, which claimed the lives of 243 passengers and 16 crew members, as well as 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie.

Advocated for World Wide Human Rights and Religious Liberty. In 2011, to preserve religious freedom as a fundamental right for all people around the world, Sen. McCaskill co-sponsored S. 1245, a bill to establish a State Department envoy on religious minorities in the Middle East and Central Asia. McCaskill also supported the re-establishment of a United Nations (UN) envoy for human rights in Iran, whose portfolio would include concerns about the significant religious persecution of non-Muslims -- including Christians and Baha'i -- in that country. The UN recently re-established this important position. In 2010, McCaskill joined colleagues in sending a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton requesting that the Administration do more to eradicate landmines, which have killed and maimed millions of people worldwide.

Worked to Prevent Genocide and The Use of Child Soldiers. In 2008, Sen. McCaskill supported the Child Soldier Prevention Act, which would provide for reductions in U.S. assistance to countries that continue to enlist or force children into their ranks as soldiers. In 2010, Congress, with McCaskill's support, passed legislation that directed the Administration to plan to remove the threat of one of the world's worst perpetrators of this crime, Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army. Additionally, in 2010, McCaskill co-sponsored S. Con. Res. 71, which recognized the importance of preventing genocide and mass atrocities around the world.

Championed Women's Rights Abroad. In 2011, Sen. McCaskill sent letters to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton regarding women's rights in the Middle East and North Africa following the Arab Uprisings as well as regarding the inclusion of women in the Afghanistan reconciliation process. In 2011, McCaskill also sent a letter to Saudi King Abdullah urging him to relax laws prohibiting women in Saudi

Arabia from driving. In 2012, Sen. McCaskill urged Secretary Clinton in a letter to evaluate the effect of U.S. policies on women and children in Haiti.