Chuck Hagel's long-standing ties to the pro-Tehran Lobby raise serious concerns about his nomination to Sec/Def

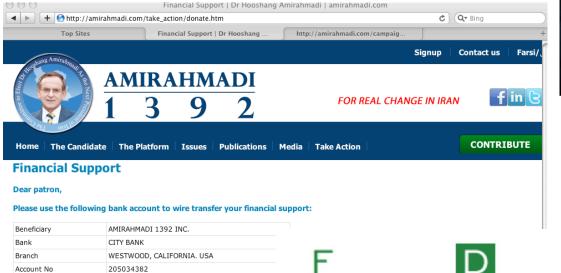
U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel in June 2001 keynoted a Capitol Hill event for the American-Iranian Council, the premier pro-Tehran lobbying group at the time.





Chuck Hagel maintains relations with pro-Tehran lobbyists who are violating U.S. sanctions on Iran

Many times after the 9/11 attacks, Sen. Hagel renewed his support for the AIC, whose agenda focused on 1) lifting U.S. sanctions on Iran, 2) opening U.S. trade with Iran, and 3) legitimizing the Islamic Republic of Iran by "negotiations without preconditions."



Hagel in 2007 stands with Housang Amirahmadi (left), president of the American-Iranian Council, the premier pro-Tehran lobbying group in Washington, and Mohammad Javad Zarif (right), the Islamic Republic of Iran's ambassador to the United Nations.

In 2013 (Islamic Republic year 1392,) Amirahmadi is seeking to raise money in the U.S. in apparent violations of U.S. sanctions to support his campaign for president of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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