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Spanberger Statement on the President's Decision to Exit Iran Nuclear Deal

GLEN ALLEN, VA — Abigail Spanberger, Democratic candidate for Virginia's 7th Congressional District and former CIA Operations Officer, released the following statement today on President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Iran nuclear agreement:

"It is astounding that the Administration would choose to pull out of the Iranian nuclear deal without cause. The President's unilateral decision to abandon this agreement destroys American credibility across the world and erodes the trust necessary to maintain the diplomatic and intelligence efforts that keep our country safe. This unilateral decision also risks the security of our allied nations in the Middle East and across the world.

The Iranian nuclear deal, officially the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, took 20 months for diplomats from the P5+1 countries to negotiate. The purpose of this agreement was to make the world safer by bringing countries together to address the threat of a nuclear Iran and compel Iran to accept restrictions on its nuclear program. According to ALL accounts, the agreement was working.

That the President would yet again abandon our international commitments, endangering our own security, our allies' security, future negotiations, and the trust placed in U.S. diplomacy is egregious and shows an utter lack of understanding or prioritization of national security."

Abigail Spanberger is a proud Democrat and former CIA officer running for Congress against Dave Brat in Virginia's 7th Congressional District. She believes in leadership that flows from our shared American values of integrity, responsibility, and decency, and she wants to work to move this country forward together. To learn more, please visit AbigailSpanberger.com.

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