

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Situation in and in Relation to Syria
October 12, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker pro tempore: (Dear Madam President:)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019, with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond October 14, 2023.

The situation in and in relation to Syria, and in particular the actions by the Government of Turkey to conduct a military offensive into northeast Syria, undermines the campaign to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, endangers civilians, and further threatens to undermine the peace, security, and stability in the region, and continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13894 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Patrick T. McHenry, Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, and Kamala D. Harris, President of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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