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## Deal or No Deal?

### **New interactive online tool makes it easy for Americans to engage with Congress on the deal with Iran**

WASHINGTON – Using Voice Of the People’s interactive online tool – designed to simulate the debate Congress is facing – Americans now can directly let their representatives in Congress know exactly what they would do on the deal with Iran.

The tool, known as a ‘policymaking simulation’ was used for VOP’s “Citizen Cabinet” surveys on the nuclear negotiations with Iran, with representative samples of voters in three states: Maryland, Oklahoma and Virginia (a similar national survey was also done earlier this year).

Anyone can go to VOP’s website and try the simulation for themselves at <http://bit.ly/1AtzqTP>.

The policymaking simulation is designed to simulate the process members of Congress go through – getting a briefing on the issue, weighing alternatives with strong pro and con arguments for each option, then coming to conclusions. Citizens can now go through the same process and share their recommendations directly with their members of Congress. The final step in the interactive tool gives the user the opportunity to send the information directly to their representatives in Washington.

“Congress has some big decisions to make and the influence industry will be working overtime to make sure its voice is heard,” said Steven Kull, president of Voice Of the People. “This policymaking simulation allows the American people an opportunity to get informed and weigh in with their representatives on this important issue.”

The results of the Citizen Cabinet surveys can be found at <http://vop.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Iran-CC-Report-FINAL.pdf>

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*Voice Of the People is a nonpartisan organization that uses innovative methods and technology to help give the American people a more effective voice in government.*