

Obama rips Republicans over Iran missive



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President Obama on Monday slammed a group of Republican senators who warned Iranian leaders that Congress could undercut a nuclear deal.

"I think it's somewhat ironic to see some members of Congress wanting to make common cause with the hardliners in Iran," Obama told reporters on Monday when asked about a letter GOP senators sent to Iranian leaders.

The letter, signed by 47 Republican lawmakers, referred to a potential nuclear pact with Iran as a "mere executive agreement" that Congress could override.

That prompted a furious reaction from Obama and Democrats, who accused Republicans of undermining the president's authority to carry out foreign policy.

After a meeting with European Council President Donald Tusk, Obama said no deal has been reached yet but if one is, "we'll be able to make the case to the American people, and I'm confident we'll be able to implement it."

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