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UANI Calls on the LA MTA to Require AnsaldoBreda to Declare That It Does Not Conduct Business in Iran and Applauds LA MTA for Choosing Not to Do Business with Siemens

New York, NY - United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) today called on the LA MTA to require AnsaldoBreda, as a part of its contract, to declare that it does not conduct business in Iran. The LA MTA Board on Thursday, September 24, voted to award the contract for new light rail cars in Los Angeles to AnsaldoBreda rather than to its competitor, Siemens. UANI applauds The Los Angeles Metro Transit Authority (LA MTA) for choosing not to do business with Siemens.

As reported by the [Wall Street Journal](#) in June, Siemens not only does business in Iran, but provided the Iranian regime with the technology needed to spy on its own citizens during Iran's brutal crackdown of its citizens following the election.

In a letter to the Chair of the LA MTA Board, Ara Najarian, UANI President Ambassador Mark D. Wallace wrote, "UANI writes to applaud the LA MTA for choosing not to do business with Siemens. UANI also requests the LA MTA to take further steps and to require AnsaldoBreda, as a part of its contract, to declare that it does not conduct business in Iran...By doing so, the LA MTA can join the international community in condemning Iran's illegal nuclear weapons program and its disregard for human rights."

In responding to the decision of the LA MTA, Ambassador Wallace said "By choosing not to do business with Siemens, the LA MTA sends a clear message that American taxpayers refuse to do business with Iran. We thank our supporters for sending a message to the LA MTA that companies that do business in Iran prop up an illegitimate regime and fund an illegal nuclear weapons program."

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