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**The NIAC Newsletter****Oct 17, 2002**

*Promoting Iranian-American Participation  
 At All Levels of American Civic Life*

**TOP LOBBYISTS TO GIVE PRESENTATION  
 ON LOBBYING AT NIAC POWER DINNER  
 IN WASHINGTON**

NIAC is proud to present two of Washington's most experienced lobbyists at the NIAC Power Dinner on October 30 in Washington DC.

[Roy Coffee](#), former Chief of Staff for Governor George W. Bush, and [David DiStefano](#), former Chief of Staff for Congressman Bob Ney (the only Persian-speaking member of Congress), will discuss the tricks of the trade of lobbying and advise Iranian-Americans on how they can start making their voices heard. As lobbyists with several years of experience in Washington, Coffee and DiStefano are excellent guides for Iranian-Americans who want to start participating in American political life.

Please note: [RSVP ONLY!](#)

**Where:** Positano Ristorante, 4940 Fairmont Ave., Bethesda, one block off Old Georgetown Road, (301) 654-1717

**When:** *Wednesday, October 30*

**Time:** 6.30pm to 8.30pm (dinner starts at 6.30, presentation and discussion starts at 7.30)

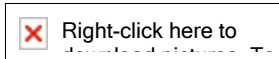
**Fee:** \$30 for non-members, \$25 for members and students (only checks and cash accepted)

**Parking:** 2 Hour Street Metered Parking or Public Parking across the street (\$5 evenings)

**Menu:** House Salad, Agnolotti (Pasta Shells w/ Cheese and Spinach), and Iced Tea or Coffee

**Sign up today!**

**GREAT TURNOUT FOR ORGANIZED  
 PHONE CAMPAIGN REGARDING VISAS  
 TO IRANIANS**



**Voter registration deadlines:**

*PASSED: DC, VA, NJ, TX, CO, AZ, NY, FL, GA, NC, OH, PA, IL, MI, WA, OR, MD...*

California: Oct 21  
 Wisconsin: Oct 23  
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 FROZEN ASSETS BE  
 USED TO  
 COMPENSATE  
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 IRANIANS BE  
 BANNED?](#)

[SHOULD THE US  
 TALK TO IRAN'S  
 REFORMISTS?](#)

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*Washington DC, October 11, 2002.* The response to the Iranian American Bar Association and NIAC's call for a phone campaign in regards to Representative George Gekas (R-PA) immigration bill has been overwhelming. The proposed bill, H.R. 5013, would ban all visas to Iranians.

The campaign took place between 1.00pm - 2.00 pm Thursday October 10, and judging from the number of emails we received with feedback from the callers, the number of clicks on our websites (which skyrocketed) and the number of emails sent through our Legislative Action Center (more than 4,000 so far!), the campaign reached its objective: to empower Iranian-Americans to get their message across to Congress in an effective manner.

Approximately 99.1% of the letters sent to lawmakers have expressed opposition to H.R. 5013, and everything indicates that the callers too were overwhelmingly opposed to the bill. If successful, a strong message will have been sent to Congress discouraging the co-sponsors of the bill to reintroduce it in January 2003.

IABA and NIAC will closely monitor the Immigration subcommittee and report on any developments on H.R. 5013 and Section 811 of the bill, which prohibits visas to Iranian nationals.

You can still express your view to your lawmakers about this bill. [Click here](#) to let your Congressman know how to vote!

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