

# Obama Firm on START

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will push for Senate ratification of a nuclear arms pact with Russia before year-end despite opposition from a key Republican senator, the White House said Wednesday.

Press secretary Robert Gibbs said he believes the New START deal will come up and pass during the post-election session of Congress, now in progress.

Senator Jon Kyl, a leading Republican voice on the issue, dealt the pact a major setback Tuesday by coming out against a vote this year.

When pressed on the issue Wednesday, Kyl told reporters: “We’re talking in good faith.”

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