Mr. Speaker, I rise in

support of this resolution. There are

many facets of it, but I would only like

to focus on one. We know the hijackers

had ties to Osama bin Laden and his al

Qaeda organization. We must do whatever

it takes, including the use of military

force, to track down bin Laden

and destroy his organization. But this

is not just about bin Laden. There are

other radical groups that engage in terrorism,

including Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic

Jihad. To win the war against

terrorism, we must eliminate the entire

infrastructure that sustains these

organizations. This will involve getting

tough with governments that aid and

harbor terrorists.

Syria allows Hezbollah to operate

freely in southern Lebanon. Iran recently

hosted a terrorist summit and

routinely provides arms and ammunition

and other assistance to Hezbollah

and other radical groups. Bin Laden is

a guest of the Taliban regime. The suicide

bombers of Islamic Jihad and

Hamas are nurtured by the Palestinian

Authority.

The time has come for these and

other governments to make a fundamental

choice: Will they continue to

support those responsible for taking

the lives of thousands of innocent men,

women, and children? Or will they realize

the error of their ways and end

their financing, the facilitating, the

harboring of terrorists and their organizational

infrastructures and their

state-sponsored incitement of terrorist

attacks? For if they choose to continue

their present course, they are not

states of concern, they are not rogue

states, they are America’s enemies.

I applaud the administration’s efforts

to assemble an international coalition

to fight terrorism. We have a real opportunity

to make the world safer for

freedom and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support

of this resolution, which authorizes the use of

force against those responsible for planning

and carrying out Tuesday’s horrific terrorist attacks.

I don’t take this lightly. Authorizing the

use of our military is one of the most awesome

responsibilities we have as members of

this body. But at this moment we have no

choice. We know the hijackers had ties to

Osama bin Laden and his Al-Qaeda organization,

which also bombed our embassies in

Kenya and Tanzania and attacked the U.S.S.

*Cole.*

The American people will no longer tolerate

these barbaric acts. We must do whatever it

takes, including the use of military force, to

tract down bin Laden and destroy his organization.

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rogue states, they are our enemies.

I applaud the administration’s efforts to assemble

an international coalition to fight terrorism.

Working with our allies and other nations

concerned about this scourge, we have

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freedom and democracy.