Mr. Speaker, I thank

my good friend Mr. LANTOS for yielding

to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support

of this legislation. Each day brings

something new from Iran, a new boast,

a new rant, a new threat. Yet we have

made little progress in convincing our

allies that the Iranian regime means

business, and that business is funding

and supplying terrorist organizations

like Hezbollah, wiping Israel off the

face of the map and denying the Holocaust.

We must not allow them to acquire

the means to carry out their ambitions.

It would be difficult to overstate

the danger Iran represents. Unchecked

Iranian nuclear proliferation, combined

with increasing support for international

terrorism, poses a grave

threat to United States forces in the

Middle East, moderate Islamic Arab

countries in the region, the State of

Israel. And a nuclear Iran poses just as

much of a threat to Europe as it does

to the countries in the Middle East.

Incomprehensibly, many of our allies

seem oblivious to these dangers. Their

strategy of negotiations, incentives,

and concessions are not working.

Stronger measures are necessary. This

bill will ramp up the pressure on Iran

to give up its nuclear ambitions and

cooperate with the international community.

Iran is a radical fundamentalist

country headed by a President who I

believe is as dangerous to the world

community in the 21st century as Hitler

was in the 20th century. Every time

this man opens his mouth, he proves it.

We must deny Iran the technology and

financial resources that will enable

this regime to carry out its threats.

I urge support of this bill.