Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reiterate

my grave concern about the situation in

Darfur and to express my support for H.R.

3127, the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act

of 2006. International efforts to end the genocide

now occurring in Darfur have been lackluster.

We should be doing more to intervene

on behalf of the thousands of innocent men,

women and children in that region. I am hopeful

that this legislation will give added momentum

to ending that genocide. Authorizing the

President to provide assistance to the African

Union Mission on the ground through NATO is

just one of the ways that we can fight to bring

an end to the violence.

In addition to supporting H.R. 3127, there

are several other measures that send a message

to the Sudanese that the United States

cannot accept the current state situation such

as supporting H. Res. 675, a resolution expressing

disapproval of the Arab League’s decision

to hold its 2006 summit in Khartoum,

Sudan. The resolution calls on the Arab

League, the government of Sudan, the Sudanese

rebels, and the world community to do

all they can to end acts of genocide in the

Darfur Region of Sudan.

One of the most effective tools in sending a

message to the Sudanese government is divestment.

I, along with many colleagues, have

requested that the University of California Office

of the President develop a plan of divestment

from Sudan.

Mr. Speaker, the Sudanese government is

in complete denial of their role in supporting

genocide and we must act now to send a

message that the U.S. will not tolerate this situation—

we must pass H.R. 3127.