Mr. Speaker, the dangers of

a nuclear Iran are real and represent

one of the greatest threats to our country

and to our allies.

In addition to the existential threat

to our ally, Israel, Iran is a growing

source of violence in the Middle East,

propping up the Syrian regime, arming

Hezbollah, and undermining a fragile

peace in Iraq. More troubling, the Iranian

regime is pursuing an active nuclear

capability, which we cannot

allow.

While we have strong laws on the

books already, we can and must go

even further to isolate the Iranian regime

and the major sources of funding

that support it. The Nuclear Iran Prevention

Act will cripple that country’s

energy sector and tighten sanctions on

Iran’s radical leadership and human

rights violators. For the first time, the

bill authorizes the President to impose

sanctions on any entity that maintains

significant commercial ties with Iran.

Without question, we must come together

to prevent Iran from acquiring a

nuclear weapon, and I urge my colleagues

in the Senate to join us in

sending a clear message to the Iranians

that we will stand firmly with our

friend, Israel, until the Iran regime forsakes

this reckless course and rejoins

the peaceful community of nations.