Mr. Speaker, I would like to

commend the Obama administration

for its willingness to consider a new alternative

proposal for dealing with

Syria. The proposal is to hand over

all—and I stress all—of Syria’s chemical

weapons under the oversight of the

international community and to safely

and verifiably destroy them. This could

actually remove those weapons from

the battlefield and peacefully prevent

the further use of them against the

people of Syria or her neighbors. This

idea has gained support from U.N. Secretary

General Ban Ki Moon, as well as

Russia and France.

Mr. Speaker, this proposal needs to

be vigorously pursued. The Syrian regime’s

attack against its own people

using poisonous gas is morally reprehensible.

If this plan is successful, it

could produce an outcome that everyone

desires: preventing the Assad regime

from using chemical weapons.