Madam Speaker,

any voice of reason inside the current

administration is a voice in the wilderness,

a voice that will be silenced by

the President, all of which should be a

matter of grave urgency for the American

people.

The administration has set its sights

on military confrontation with Iran.

Just like Iraq, any voice of reason will

not be merely muffled; it will be silenced.

Remember Colin Powell? Where is

he? Remember General Shinseki? He

was drummed out for speaking truth to

power about what it would really take

to win in Iraq.

Now Admiral Fallon, the Secretary

of Defense, wouldn’t return phone calls

until the Admiral got the message to

turn in his resignation because he

questioned the President’s policy toward

Iran.

The President’s foreign policy is open

hostility and a finger on the trigger

looking for any provocation for a military

strike against Iran. That’s what

the neocons want; that’s what co-President

DICK CHENEY wants.

Their thirst for oil is matched only

by their thirst for war. They think the

U.S. will dominate the world with military

confrontation. They are the only

ones who believe that. We must keep

the pressure on to ensure the President

does not launch another war. Four

thousand have already died.

That’s enough.