Madam Speaker, I

rise today to call attention to the ticking

time bomb in Tehran. The IAEA reports

that Iran has enriched enough

uranium to make a nuclear bomb. Once

weaponized, Iran’s nuclear capabilities

threaten the existence of Israel and our

allies throughout the region.

President Obama’s open hand of soft

diplomacy has been met with firmly

clenched fists by Iran’s Supreme Leader,

Ayatollah Khamenei. With the

clock ticking, the President must heed

the advice of Defense Secretary Gates

and proceed with stricter economic

sanctions on Iran.

The administration has threatened to

drag its feet on Iran until Israel accepts

its terms for a two-state solution.

While peace between the Israelis

and the Palestinians should be a priority,

I urge the President to reconsider

using this as a precondition for

stopping the Iranian nuclear threat

and nuclear weapon.