Mr. Speaker, no one

wants war with Iran, but America and

our allies in Europe have been exerting

increased diplomatic and economic

pressure to move the nation of Iran and

its government away from developing a

nuclear program.

In May, Congressman GARY ACKERMAN

and I introduced bipartisan legislation,

H. Con. Res. 362, urging this administration

to impose expanded economic

sanctions on key sectors of the

Iranian economy. It appears as though

it’s having its good effect. In what’s

being reported today as what will be

the ‘‘closest contact between the two

countries since the Iranian revolution

of 1979,’’ this weekend, U.S. Ambassador

William Burns will meet with top

arms negotiators from Tehran. It will

be more of a listening session and

should not be overstated.

However, I would offer that this

glimmer of hope in these negotiations

is precisely because of the resolve of

the United States and the European

community to economically and diplomatically

isolate Iran over its nuclear

ambitions. But now is not the

time for us to shrink from renewed diplomatic

pressure.

I urge all of my colleagues to join

Congressman GARY ACKERMAN and me

and cosponsor H. Con. Res. 362 before

this weekend. Let’s send a deafening

message to the negotiators in Iran that

the American people stand for diplomatic

and economic isolation until

they abandon their nuclear ambition.