Thank you very much, Madam Chairman.

First of all, for the record, I am appalled that it takes the attempted

murder of a Saudi Ambassador for the U.S. to do something

serious—serious soul searching what further actions we can

take to try to rein in the Mullah regime’s dictatorship and repression

and threat to other people and other regimes and other governments

in that region.

Iran has murdered hundreds of our own military personnel by

providing Shiite militias in Iraq with high-powered IEDs over the

years. This has been going on for years. And I don’t mean to downplay

this assassination attempt and how important it is, but we

should have responded with a very tough reaction the minute we

found out that Iran was providing these weapons to people who

were killing American soldiers. But we just sort of let it off,

shrugged it off. We have a certain level of sanctions that obviously

they can live with, because they have been living with it.

Then we have, you know, like these folks here with the MEK. I

mean, clearly, the MEK has been labeled a terrorist organization

because they opposed the Mullah regime. And we are doing that

and trying to curry favor with the Mullah regime. And how much

does it take before we quit trying to curry favor with them by treating

people who oppose them as if they are criminals? It is the

Mullah regime who are terrorists, not the MEK. The MEK wants

to establish a democracy there.

I am not saying I agree with everything they stand for. But by

designating them terrorists we are giving the Mullahs the idea that

we are weak. How do we expect to get anywhere in this world

when we treat our friends who believe in democracy as if they are

enemies and our enemies if they are our friends? Seems to me that

is what is going on here.

And I agree with Mr. Mack’s frustration. Look, we are at a point

where we have a representative of our Government who can’t even

say we believe in regime change with a Mullah dictatorship that

is building nuclear weapons and undermining governments

throughout that region and now is engaged in hiring an assassin

to commit an act of assassination and a bomb explosion here in our

Nation’s capital. And we don’t even have a government—our Government

suggesting that we—that government—there should be a

new regime there.

Of course, that is seen as weakness. We are seen as weaklings.

Not as—so what if we side emotionally with the people of Syria?

We couldn’t even—we had a tepid—this administration has a tepid

response to the brutal and murderous repression of the Iranian

people when they went into the streets to protest the stolen election.

A stolen election means you have a group of people who are

superimposing power over others illegitimately. This is not a legitimate

government, and we can’t even say we believe in regime

change? I can see why the Mullahs now think we are so weak that

they can go into conspiracies to set off bombs in our Nation’s capital.

Look, all of these years we have known what the Mullahs are all

about. They have expressed their hatred toward the West and toward

the United States, their commitment toward and utilizing

brutality and murder to achieve their ends. And yet we can’t take

them off the terrorist list for just their opposition, and much less can we support all of the ethnic groups and the young Persians in

Iran who are struggling and risking their lives against the

Mullahs. We haven’t provided any material support. We haven’t

provided any weapons. We haven’t provided any way that they can

actually impact the Mullah’s dictatorship and control in Iran.

Shame on us. Our Founding Fathers and generation after generation

of Americans have fought for freedom. We are not even

willing to take the risk of saying there should be a regime change

in Iran. Shame on us.