Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge that the MEK be removed

from the U.S. Department of State's list of Foreign Terrorist

Organizations. Since its listing in 1997, the MEK has denounced

violence and provided valuable intelligence on the Iranian regime, yet

they remain on our terrorist list.

Even important allies acknowledge that the MEK no longer poses a

terrorist threat. In 2009, the United Kingdom and the European Union

removed the group from their lists. The unjust listing has been

considered by the U.S. courts, but the Department of State continues to

drag its feet regarding the delisting.

In July 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

Circuit criticized the Department of State's designation of the MEK as

a terrorist organization since the group's due process rights had been

violated, and the Department of State has yet to provide specific

information demonstrating why the group is a terrorist threat today.

The battle over delisting the MEK has gone on far too long with far

too little evidence. I urge my colleagues to follow me in calling for

the immediate delisting of the MEK by the Department of State.