Madam Speaker, conditions on the ground in Iraq are not

getting any better. In fact, things are getting worse.

During a 48-hour period last week, 14 of our soldiers were killed,

and then over the weekend another eight were killed in one day. April

and May were two of the most violent months for our troops since the

beginning of the war. It is clear the President's troop surge or

escalation plan is not working. In fact, last week General David

Petraeus acknowledged there would not be any significant improvements

in Iraq by September.

Why is that significant? Because that's when President Bush said we

would be able to see if the plan was working. The fact is we won't know

in September because it's not working, according to the President's own

general.

Then this week, two respected Republican Senators, Senator Lugar and

Senator Voinovich, said the current policy is not working and a

significant change is needed. The comments of these Senators, coupled

with those of General Petraeus, should serve as a wake-up call to

congressional Republicans. Join us in ending this war, bringing our

troops home, and saving America's face.