Madam Speaker, House Republicans believe that

our commanders on the ground in Iraq deserve to have the resources and

flexibility they need to lead our troops in harm's way during this

critical phase of their mission.

On the other hand, Washington Democrats would rather use our troops

to make a political statement than work in a bipartisan fashion to get

our brave men and women in uniform the funding they need to succeed in

their mission.

I thought the San Diego Union Tribune made a good point in an

editorial stating:

It's time the Democratic leadership send the President a clean

supplemental. It is simply unacceptable for Democrat leaders to

restrict the necessary funds our troops need so political points can be

scored with their defeatist base.