Madam Speaker, it is my hope that we can come

together and agree on an Iraq emergency supplemental that provides the

resources our troops need without tying the hands of our generals and

forcing them to adhere to unrealistic timetables.

Last week in a Chicago Tribune editorial, they stated:

With a new commanding general on the ground and the surge strategy

still ramping up, our troops deserve this chance to make progress, and

we are starting to see signs in Iraq that things are modestly

improving.

I urge my colleagues to support a clean supplemental and to encourage

patience as we heard 4 years ago before we even went to Iraq that this

would be a long time coming, that our ultimate goal in accomplishing

victory in Iraq would take some time. We need to listen to those

comments, and, again, I urge patience.