Madam Speaker, we have been talking a

lot about Iraq, and a lot of people have different ideas and different

thoughts about what we are doing over there. In recent days and weeks,

some have suggested we need a specific timeline or date that indicates

when our troops will begin to withdraw from Iraq.

I would like to read an e-mail that one of my staffers received at

the end of last week from a friend of hers currently serving in Iraq.

The soldier says:

This is the attachment, Madam Speaker, and a picture truly is worth

1,000 words.

The soldier went on to say in ending his e-mail:

Madam Speaker, any date for withdrawal would be arbitrary. We must

allow our plan to go forward and not abandon it halfway through. This

is not just about their future, it is about the future of all of us.

Let us not talk about an exit strategy; let us talk about victory.