Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this bill

to finally end this disastrous war. President Bush's war in Iraq has

been the biggest foreign policy catastrophe in our Nation's history. We

have been distracted from doing the job in Afghanistan, the Nation that

harbored al Qaeda. Hundreds of billions of dollars have evaporated into

the sands of Iraq while vital needs have gone unmet at home. Our

international reputation has been battered and bruised. Our Army has

been hollowed out.

The war has cut short the lives of more than 3,600 of our bravest

citizens, injured tens of thousands more. Yet this President continues

to insist that we remain in Iraq.

Today we must tell this President he is wrong. We must take a stand

against this tragic war, begin the hard work of repairing our foreign

policy. We must listen to the American people and vote to end this war.

Let us truly support our troops and vote to bring them home.