Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's courtesy.

It's not too early. It's too late, too late because the President's

party has enabled these disastrous policies. And listening to some on

the other side of the aisle, there are people still disconnected from

reality.

But each day their congressional support is slowly crumbling as

evidence mounts of the costs of failure. It's not just 10 billions of

dollars a month. It's more lives lost and thousands of hopes and dreams

shattered.

Even those of us who opposed this from the beginning understand that

300,000 American soldiers and contractors cannot leave overnight. But

that's no excuse not to start now, as rapidly and as responsibly as

possible, to get our people out of crossfire of what is now a religious

civil war. Our soldiers have done all that they can do and can be

expected of them.

I call on the doubters to join us in supporting the strongest most

direct measure possible, not just to send the President a message, but

rein him in and bring our soldiers home from this nightmare.