Mr. Speaker, today we take a

firm stand against the President's tragic war policy in Iraq. Today we

vote on H.R. 2956--the Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act.

This legislation is another appeal to a tone-deaf administration that

our current path in Iraq is failing. The American people have had

enough. They have had enough of the needless bloodshed; they've had

enough of the misleading explanations; they've had enough of the broken

promises; they've had enough of the lack of vision from this President.

The President's policy is based on false pretenses, for which there

are now only imperfect options. After losing more than 3,500 of our

service members, and spending close to half a trillion dollars, it is

time to bring our troops home. I salute the courage and professionalism

of our soldiers who have served our country in Iraq. They overthrew an

authoritarian regime and captured a dictator. Now it

is time for our commander-in-chief to bring them home. The ongoing

instability in Iraq is a political problem that requires a political

solution.

To continue to ask our service men and women to make the ultimate

sacrifice for this misguided policy is simply immoral. I urge my

colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation because we must

bring our troops home.