Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of my amendment to

H.R. 5856, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year

2013.

The amendment seeks to halt any potential Department of Defense

funding from being used to aid States and organizations that pose real

threats to the international community. My amendment is simple. It

prohibits any DOD funds from being spent on the Government of Iran, the

Government of Syria, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, and Hezbollah.

The cases against each of these organizations are well documented.

Each of them has either sponsored terror activities, performed terror

activities, made threats of terror activities, or engaged in atrocious

human rights violations. None of these organizations are particularly

friendly to the United States, and each of them harbors hate towards

our friend and ally, Israel.

Further, I know that some make the argument that sometimes foreign

aid eases diplomatic relations with certain entities. While I do not

discount that theorem, I do not believe that the United States should

be disbursing any funding to any entity that promotes terror and

violence. To that I say, trust is a series of promises kept, and we

need to start with upholding good behavior, and that is by honoring

previous promises.

This amendment is almost exactly the same as the amendment I offered

to the last DOD appropriations bill, only that this amendment has

included Damascus, due to the al-Assad regime's terrible atrocities of

late. That amendment was adopted by voice vote in the House of

Representatives.

I ask my colleagues to give my revised amendment the same unanimous

approval as last time. In the words of the old American adage: We do

not negotiate with terrorists.

I thank the chairman and the committee for their work, and I urge a

``yes'' vote on my amendment.