I want to thank Representative Mike Turner, chairman of

the Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee, and Representative

Trent Franks, cochair of the Missile Defense Caucus, for their support

of this amendment.

This amendment prohibits the administration from using funds to share

the United States' classified missile defense information with Russia.

It is similar to an amendment which passed with bipartisan support in

the House version of the fiscal year 2013 National Defense

Authorization Act.

In light of recent statements by President Obama that he wanted

``more space'' from the Russians in regards to missile defense, and his

statement that he would ``have more flexibility'' on this issue after

the elections, I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, that the United States'

hit-to-kill and other valuable missile defense technologies may become

pawns in a political chess game of appeasement with the Russians.

Statements by Russian Chief of General Staff Nikolai Makarov have

increased my concern. In reference to the United States' desire to

strengthen our missile defense sites in Europe, General Makarov

threatened the use of military force against the United States,

declaring that ``A decision to use destructive force preemptively will

be taken if the situation worsens.''

Mr. Chairman, if Russia's defense staff is willing to blatantly

threaten the United States, why should the United States hand them the

keys to technology that gives America's warfighter a decided advantage.

The danger to national security is obvious, but there is more to this

picture. The Congressional Research Service estimates the United States

has spent approximately $153 billion on missile defense. A vast

majority, roughly 90 percent, was spent on hit-to-kill technology. It

makes no sense to spend $153 billion of taxpayers' money on advanced

weaponry just to give it away.

This amendment builds on a letter that had broad bipartisan support

in the United States Senate and was signed by 39 senators in April 2011

expressing concern about giving the Russians sensitive missile defense

data and technologies.

These Senators were concerned, as I am, that the White House must not

use America's missile defense technologies as a bargaining chip in

negotiations with Russia.

This amendment helps the United States lead the world in missile

defense technologies, preserves investments of billions of dollars, and

ensures the viability of current and future missile defense

technologies.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to my colleague and good friend,

Congressman Turner from the great State of Ohio.