Mr. Speaker, former State Department intelligence

officials testified yesterday that they warned the administration 3

years ago that the occupation of Iraq would provoke insurgency ethnic

strife and the targeting of U.S. forces. But their words then, 3 years

ago, went unheeded.

The Post reported today that the

No Republicans participated.

Three years after the war in Iraq began, Republicans are still

refusing to investigate what went wrong. Ohio families are paying the

price.

Many of us have repeatedly asked the President to present a plan for

success in Iraq, a winning exit strategy to complete the mission and

start to redeploy and bring our troops home. Republicans responded with

theatrics and sound bites. More of the same is not a plan. More of the

same doesn't bring us any closer to winning the global war on terror.

The troops and the American people deserve better. They deserve a

Congress that doesn't look the other way when mistakes are made. They

deserve a realistic and forward-thinking plan that brings our troops

home.