Mr. Speaker, the Country Reports on Terrorism

released by the State Department yesterday indicate that terrorist

attacks increased by 25 percent last year, and more than 40 percent

more people were killed. In these most dangerous times, this tells us

we can't afford to take our focus off the global war on terror. Still,

exactly 4 years after the President proclaimed mission accomplished

aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, his failed Iraq policy persists in

overextending our armed forces and in refusing to compel Iraq to take

responsibility for their own security and future.

Today, when the President vetoes withdrawal provisions supported by a

majority of Americans, he places another's obstacle in the way of what

should be our priority mission, winning the global war on terror. We

know the administration's stay-the-course policy in Iraq is a failure.

We know it has taken our eye off the war on terror.

Now we have the numbers to back up that statement and the proof we

need to stop the President from compounding this Nation's single

greatest foreign policy mistakes. I encourage my colleagues to consider

the hard and irrefutable evidence by the State Department, thereby

advancing our withdrawal from Iraq.