Madam Speaker, Iraq is the scene of the world's

fastest growing humanitarian crisis: 4 million people displaced, half

of whom have fled the country altogether, with another 50,000 or more

added to the rolls every month.

What are we doing to help, especially the tens of thousands who are

in danger because they helped the United States, like serving as

interpreters? Last month the United States allowed exactly one Iraqi

refugee to enter the United States.

No matter what your position is on the war in Iraq or its future, I

urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 2265, the Responsibility to Iraqi

Refugee Act, comprehensive legislation that would put somebody in

charge, set modest levels for refugees entitled to come to our country,

and authorize programs to help them. It is the least we can do for

people whose lives are at risk because they helped Americans.