Madam Speaker, the American people have demanded a new

direction in Iraq, and last week this Congress voted to put an end to

the administration's failed stay-the-course policy.

The President should support our troops and sign this responsible

bill instead of issuing veto threats that continue to ignore the

reality of our troops' being caught in the middle of a civil war. It is

ironic that we are expecting the President to veto this bill to bring

our troops home 4 years to the day after he declared the job done in

Iraq. It is time for accountability from the administration and from

the Iraqi Government.

Our bill provides what the American people are demanding and what our

troops need: a responsible policy that funds our troops, demands

accountability from the administration and the Iraqi Government, and

supports our veterans.

The President should listen to Congress. Sign this bill, take the

funding, and accept accountability.