Madam Speaker, I rise today to challenge my colleagues on

the other side of the aisle. They continue to pound the drums and

politicize the war on terror and unnecessarily criticize the

administration. Yet they have no plan or any indication of one for how

they would make our Nation more secure.

As the President said last week in his press conference, he wakes up

every day to a thorough intelligence briefing that informs of the

actions of numerous Islamo-fascists and others whose only goal is to

destroy America, our freedoms and our way of life. He must respond to

those threats.

The President is not politicizing the war on terror. He is simply

carrying out his duty to protect and defend this Nation and

constructing plans to ensure that our Nation is safer from potential

terrorist attacks, and thus far it has been. As we all know, there has

been no attack on American soil since 9/11, but many attempts have been

thwarted.

This is not, and should not be, a political issue, and it is time for

the Democrats to stop trying to make it one. This is about national

security, and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle need to

realize what is at stake here.