

Mr. Chairman, I will vote "yes" on this bill, but I am really astonished that the Democrats have gutted the European Missile Defense site. We don't seem to understand that the coincidence of jihadist terrorism and nuclear proliferation represents the greatest existential threat to human peace in the world today.

Unfortunately, they seem to think that if they kill it for this year and put it in the next administration, somehow it will be of some political benefit to them. *Barack Obama* has said that he will cut missile defense spending, and he simply does not understand the gravity of a nuclear Iran, Mr. Chairman.

Every day we are in this body, Iran enriches more uranium. They come closer and closer to having a nuclear capability. When they gain that, Mr. Chairman, it won't be long before al Qaeda will have that capability as well.

It may not be long that Iran will be able to actually field a weapon that could create an electromagnetic pulse across this country that would be the ultimate asymmetric weapon for terrorists in the world today. And I find it astonishing that when our first purpose in this body is to protect the lives and constitutional rights of the American people, that for some ridiculous political motivation that we would strip the ability for us to be able to intercept missiles coming from Iran that would either hit our allies in Europe or our forward-deployed troops or people here at home, that somehow we think that we have done our job.

I would remind us all that Osama bin Laden said these words. He said, It is our religious duty to gain nuclear weapons.

Mr. Chairman, if they succeed, if Iran succeeds, al Qaeda will succeed in gaining those nuclear weapons. If that happens, we will revisit this subject on a day in the future and we will have to explain to our children why we let such a profound threat to human peace exist when it was in our power to change it.