

I voted Yes on H.R. 1905, the Iran Threat Reduction Act, which I co-sponsored.

The bill would state that is U.S. policy to mitigate Iran's support of terrorist organizations and its development of nuclear weapons. It would impose several sanctions on Iran. Specifically, H.R. 1905 requires the president to impose sanctions on those doing business with the Central Bank of Iran, if he determines the bank is linked to the Iranian weapons program, as well as increases sanctions against those who deal with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. The bill also places sanctions on individuals responsible for human rights abuses committed against Iranian citizens.

Overall, H.R. 1905 updates previous Iran sanctions laws so that we can take more effective action to address the threats posed by that nation. Recent events have shown that Iran is making progress on its nuclear weapons program. Just weeks ago, Iran tried to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States. Iran and its nuclear weapons program pose a threat to the United States and its allies. I voted Yes because it is appropriate to strengthen our sanctions to counter this risk.

The bill was approved by a vote of 410 – 11.