

I voted Yes on H.R. 2105, the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Reform and Modernization Act.

H.R. 2105 would state that it is U.S. policy to fully implement and enforce sanctions against Iran, North Korea, and Syria for their proliferation activities. The legislation would also direct the president to report to Congress on foreign individuals who have aided these countries with proliferation activities and impose economic prohibitions, denial of a visa, and deportation. For any country aiding these nations' proliferation activities, the U.S. could not enter into a nuclear cooperation agreement with such a country under the bill.

North Korea, Iran, and Syria are involved in proliferation activities that are not limited to just nuclear weapons. There is active trade between these countries in weapons that could be used against us and against our allies. North Korea continues to attack our ally South Korea, Syria is murdering its own people, and Iran is also killing its own while continuing to sponsor terrorism.

I voted Yes because it makes sense to cut-off weapons supply networks to Iran, Syria, and North Korea and expand sanctions on those who assist in their proliferation efforts.

The bill was approved by a vote of 417 – 2.