

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2410, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING MISSILE DE-**
2 **FENSE OF UNITED STATES ALLIES.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) A potential attack employing a nuclear, bio-
5 logical, or chemical weapon delivered by a ballistic
6 missile constitutes one of the most serious threats to
7 United States national security and to the security
8 of our friends and allies.

9 (2) The Iranian regime currently possesses
10 short-range ballistic missiles (SRBM), as well as me-
11 dium-range ballistic missiles (MRBM), capable of
12 reaching much of the Middle East region, including
13 Israel, and reaching Turkey.

14 (3) Reports indicate that Iran is developing a
15 more sophisticated and longer range version of the
16 MRBM known as the Shahab-3, with such a new
17 version potentially capable of reaching Europe.

18 (4) Intelligence estimates reportedly indicate
19 that the Iranian regime may soon be able to develop

1 an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) capable
2 of reaching the United States, as well all of Europe.

3 (5) Deploying United States ground-based mis-
4 sile defense components in Europe will improve our
5 ability to defend the United States from missile at-
6 tacks, as well as extend such defensive coverage to
7 our allies in Europe.

8 (6) Deploying United States ground-based mis-
9 sile defense assets in Europe would serve as a deter-
10 rent to missile attacks by rogue regimes against
11 both the United States and Europe and may serve
12 as a disincentive for them to invest in the very devel-
13 opment of such missile capabilities, thereby enhanc-
14 ing United States nonproliferation objectives.

15 (7) The United States has made numerous ef-
16 forts to enhance cooperation with Russia on the
17 issue of missile defense in Europe and has held nu-
18 merous briefings and discussions with Russian offi-
19 cials on the issue in order to ensure the trans-
20 parency of Unites States objectives.

21 (8) The United States has reached out to and
22 worked with key allies in Asia, the Middle East, and
23 Europe to promote a cooperative missile defense
24 against potential attacks by rogue regimes.

1 (9) The United States continues to cooperate
2 with its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
3 zation (NATO) toward the establishment of a com-
4 mon missile defense system, with the United States
5 focusing on the deployment of missile defense capa-
6 bilities to counter long-range missiles and NATO fo-
7 cusing on countering threats from short-range and
8 medium range missiles.

9 (10) In April 2008, at the NATO Summit in
10 Bucharest, Romania, the heads of state of the
11 NATO allies formally recognized the missile threat
12 posed by rogue regimes and officially endorsed
13 United States missile defense plans, stating the fol-
14 lowing in a communiqué: "Ballistic missile prolifera-
15 tion poses an increasing threat to [the] Allies'
16 forces, territory and populations. Missile defense
17 forms part of a broader response to counter this
18 threat. We therefore recognize the substantial con-
19 tribution to the protection of Allies from long range
20 ballistic missiles to be provided by the planned de-
21 ployment of European based United States missile
22 defense assets."

23 (11) In December 2008, NATO foreign min-
24 isters reaffirmed their support for United States

1 plans to install an anti-missile defense shield in Eu-
2 rope.

3 (12) United States missile defense systems have
4 proven increasingly effective, as they have been de-
5 veloped and tested, as indicated by the fact that
6 since 2001 the United States Missile Defense Agen-
7 cy has had 38 successful missile intercepts, out of
8 48 attempts against missiles of all ranges.

9 (13) Since the deployment and operational
10 start-up of defense assets require continuing com-
11 mitments and preparatory steps and Iran's nuclear
12 and missile capabilities are likely to present a seri-
13 ous threat within a relatively short time, it is vital
14 that work continue to expeditiously establish missile
15 defense assets in Europe.

16 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Congress—

17 (1) expresses growing concern about the threat
18 posed by nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons
19 and missile delivery systems for those weapons in
20 the hands of states that sponsor terrorism, such as
21 Iran;

22 (2) expresses support for the deployment of
23 United States missile defense assets in Europe that
24 will provide a defense of the United States and our

1 European allies from the growing missile threat
2 posed by rogue regimes;

3 (3) urges the President to immediately take all
4 necessary steps to expedite the deployment of com-
5 ponents of an operational United States ground-
6 based missile defense system in Europe;

7 (4) calls upon the President to report to Con-
8 gress on an annual basis on the steps taken by the
9 United States Government to move forward with the
10 deployment of a United States ground-based missile
11 defense system in Europe that will provide protec-
12 tion of the United States and Europe; and

13 (5) states that the United States shall continue
14 its support for the missile defense of key allies
15 against attacks by rogue regimes.

