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ICYMI: Roskam on Iran and the Need for Restoring Missile Defense Funding

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Given the incredibly hostile posturing from regimes like Iran and North Korea, today, Congressman Peter Roskam, spoke in support of the Roskam-Franks Missile Defense Amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives. The Roskam-Franks Amendment restores funding for necessary missile defense systems and capabilities in H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act FY2010. Read excerpted remarks here:

"This is an Administration that has said that Iran has legitimate nuclear ambitions, no they don't. There is no legitimate pursuit of nuclear power in Iran. It is all for an evil and despicable purpose. This is an Administration that got it wrong on the Iranian dissonance and has, sort of, back peddled over the past several days and recast their support of the dissonance when they really missed the mark.

...[Iran] is an aggressive regime that ought not to be coddled. **This is an effort to make sure that all of us are safe, and this is a sacred duty.**

Watch video of Congressman Roskam's full statement [here](#).

BACKGROUND:

- The Roskam-Franks Amendment restores \$1.2 Billion in missile defense funding for Ground-based Midcourse Defense Systems in Alaska and California, planned ground-based interceptors and future capabilities such as the Airborne Laser and Kinetic Energy Interceptor.
- H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act FY 2010 cuts missile defense spending by \$1.2 billion from the FY09 level when there has been no abatement in the threat of international missile attack.

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