

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BURTON OF INDIANA**

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

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO DEMOCRACY**  
2 **IN GEORGIA.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) Georgia is a strategic partner of the United  
5 States and the United States should fully support  
6 the development and consolidation of effective demo-  
7 cratic governance in Georgia, respect for human  
8 rights and the rule of law, an independent media,  
9 and a vibrant civil society;

10 (2) the United States should support the  
11 strengthening of democratic government institutions,  
12 including truly independent executive, judicial, and  
13 legislative branches that exhibit effective trans-  
14 parency and accountability;

15 (3) the United States should support a free and  
16 fair electoral system in Georgia with a diverse and  
17 robust multi-party political system representative of  
18 Georgia's diverse population;

1           (4) the United States should fully support  
2 Georgia's efforts to join NATO and the transatlantic  
3 community; and

4           (5) the United States should fully support  
5 Georgia's territorial integrity and should urge the  
6 European Union, its member states, and other re-  
7 sponsible countries to call for an immediate and  
8 complete withdrawal of Russian troops occupying  
9 Georgian territory in accordance with the August  
10 and September 2008 ceasefire agreements.

