For more than three decades, Iran and its terrorist proxies have targeted American civilians and military personnel. Most recently, during the week of Oct. 9, Iranian-backed Houthi rebels fired at least three missiles at U.S. Navy vessels deployed in international waters off the coast of Yemen. From the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut to more than a decade of IED attacks against U.S. military personnel in Iraq, Iran’s terrorist proxies have killed more Americans worldwide than any group except al-Qaida. The latest attack again underscores Iran’s malign influence in the region. Congress and the administration must continue to confront Iran’s regional aggression and support for terrorism.

**A HISTORY OF IRANIAN ATTACKS ON AMERICANS**

**HOSTAGES HELD AT U.S. EMBASSY IN IRAN**

A group of Iranian students backed by Islamic Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeni took control of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, holding U.S. diplomats and citizens hostage for 444 days.

**SUICIDE BOMBINGS IN LEBANON**

The terrorist organization Hezbollah—founded, armed, trained and funded by Iran—conducted two suicide bombings in Lebanon: the April bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut killed 63 Americans and the October bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut killed 241 U.S. service members.

**MINE ATTACK IN THE PERSIAN GULF**

Iran—in violation of international law—mined the Persian Gulf. One such mine struck the U.S. Navy guided missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts leaving a 15-foot hole in the vessel’s hull.

**TRUCK BOMBING IN SAUDI ARABIA**

Hezbollah terrorists—with Iranian backing and support—attacked U.S. military forces housed in the Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 19 U.S. airmen.

**DEADLY IRANIAN INFLUENCE IN IRAQ**

In Iraq, Shiite militias killed hundreds of U.S. service members and civilians. Iran provided training and material support for repeated attacks on U.S. personnel with conventional weapons and missiles, as well as sophisticated improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and explosively formed projectiles (EFPs).

**HARASSMENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF**

Iran’s military has repeatedly harassed U.S. Navy ships in the Persian Gulf, including the seizure of two naval vessels and 10 U.S. sailors in January 2016. Iranian ships have taken a range of provocative actions within international waters, including charging American ships at close range.