Last week, I joined my House colleagues in holding the Bush administration accountable for its abuse of power, by voting to hold former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolton in contempt for not complying with subpoenas requiring them to testify before Congress on the firings of United States Attorneys.

I also refused to rubber stamp the White House's version of FISA, letting it merely expire and revert to the original bill, which offers greater protections for Americans' privacy and no immunity for telecommunications firms.

I will continue working with my colleagues on policies that improve our security without compromising our civil rights