Washington, DC (March 27, 2012) – Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the International Religious Freedom Caucus, issued the following statement after Secretary of State Hillary Clinton decided to waive funding conditions for providing aid to Egypt.

In late 2011, Bilirakis led a successful effort to include conditions on aid to Egypt within the annual appropriations bill.

"Our country continues to face economic and fiscal uncertainty, and it is unacceptable to provide unconditioned taxpayer dollars and military aid to a country that disregards the basic principles of human rights and religious freedom," Bilirakis said. "These conditions should remain in place until the government can demonstrate its respect for the human rights of minority religious communities and security for their worship."