Washington, DC (August 2, 2012) – U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Palm Harbor), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, issued the following statement regarding new Iran sanctions legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday:

"This bipartisan bill sends a clear message to the Iranian regime that the U.S. is committed to preventing Iran from continuing to pursue nuclear weapons capabilities. These new and expanded sanctions target its energy industry, as well as financial institutions, shipping companies, and insurers doing business with Iran. The U.S. must continue to pressure Iran until it complies with international obligations."