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Hoekstra Votes Against Supplemental

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, today voted against the emergency supplemental bill citing its defeatist, artificial timelines and pork-barrel spending. He issued the following statement after the vote:

“Providing full funding for our troops in combat should be simple and straightforward. Any bill passed by Congress should not hinder their ability to successfully complete their mission, nor should it provide any signal to our enemies that our nation’s resolve is weakening.

“Unfortunately, the House-Senate Democratic compromise on the emergency troop supplemental does just that. It compromises our men and women on the frontlines and it compromises their mission.

“The dedicated professionals in the U.S. military and Intelligence Community who every day put their lives on the line to fight the global threat posed by radical jihadists deserve to know that America’s political leaders stand with them. The bill Congress is sending to the president shows the opposite.

“Our nation faces a serious and ongoing threat from radical, militant jihadists. I fear that some believe that by pushing a date certain for withdrawal from Iraq we will somehow make the radical jihadist threat just go away.

“As the radical Islamists themselves have made clear, it will not, and we need to remain engaged to counter this threat.”