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Hoekstra Statement on Congress Rationing Military Funding, Withdrawing Troops

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, today issued the following statement after voting against House bills that ration funding for the fight against radical jihadists and create timelines for withdrawing troops from the battlefield.

“Congress cannot ask the professionals in the U.S. military and intelligence community to fight and win against radical jihadists by rationing their resources. It is a long-term battle that requires the flexibility to adapt to changing tactics and strategies.

“Nor can we begin disengaging from the current theater until we achieve a level of success. The radical jihadists have declared war against the West, and they will need to be fought somewhere.

“Our men and women in the field need our support immediately and without arbitrary conditions. The legislation before the House today irresponsibly plays political gamesmanship with their ability to succeed in their fight to defend our way of life.”