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## ***Hoekstra Responds to Poll Showing Americans Overwhelmingly Oppose Closing Guantanamo Bay***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, said the results of a weekend *USA Today*/Gallup poll on closing Guantanamo Bay show that Americans oppose closing the prison and bringing terrorist detainees into the United States, including Michigan, as some state Democratic lawmakers recently suggested.

“Quite understandably, Americans do not want 240 of the world’s most dangerous captured terrorists brought into their neighborhoods,” Hoekstra said. “This is further proof that the American people agree that Guantanamo Bay remains the best and most practical solution to holding terrorist detainees captured on the battlefield.”

Hoekstra spoke out after a recent letter surfaced from a Michigan congressman inquiring about the possibility of keeping Guantanamo terrorists at a closed prison in the Upper Peninsula of the state.

“I have pledged since the president’s announcement that I will vigorously fight any attempt to bring trained terrorists into Michigan, or anywhere else in the United States,” Hoekstra said. “For states like my home state of Michigan that are seeking new jobs and growth, opening what-in-effect would be an al-Qaeda prison in the state would seem like the worst option for attracting new businesses and residents. The American people have clearly reached the same conclusion.”

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Editors’ Note: Hoekstra, along with Republican Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other ranking Republicans, introduced the Keep Terrorists Out of America Act, H. R. 2294, to (1) affirm Congress’ opposition to transferring or releasing terrorists held at the Guantanamo Bay prison into the United States; (2) prohibit the Administration from transferring or releasing any

terrorist detainees at Guantanamo Bay to any state without express approval from the state's governor and legislature; and (3) prohibit the President from transferring or releasing a terrorist detainee into the United States unless he provides notification and certification to Congress.