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Keep Congress in Session until FISA is Modernized

Intelligence Committee Republicans United in Response to Letter

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today released a letter signed by all committee Republicans responding to a recent letter from committee Chairman Silvestre Reyes.

It comes one day after Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell sent correspondence warning the committee of the urgent need to fix the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

“Following 9/11 Congress demanded to know how the Intelligence Community missed warning signs leading up to the attack,” Hoekstra said. “Yet Congress is dragging its feet in responding to the dire warning from the community that it can’t get the vital intelligence that may tip us off to the next attack.

“The same Congress that pushed the Intelligence Community to prioritize environmental spying should at least show the same urgency in responding to the director of national intelligence’s request to spy on terrorists determined to attack America.”

Hoekstra went on to say that committee Republicans are united in their desire to work with Democrats to solve the problem before Congress recesses for August.

“The radical jihadists plotting against America are not recessing their plans for August, and Congress should not recess until we’ve given our nation’s intelligence professionals the tools they need to keep America safe,” Hoekstra said.

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Editor’s Note: A copy of the letter sent to Intelligence Committee Chairman Reyes is attached.
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