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## **Congress Votes to Give Terrorists U.S. Intelligence, Refuses to Allow U.S. Intelligence to Listen to Terrorists**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today voted against the so-called 9/11 implementation bill, for failing to fix a critical intelligence gap caused by FISA while revealing the classified intelligence spending of the United States to our adversaries.

Following the vote, Hoekstra issued the following statement:

“I find it disturbing that Congress is voting to give away national secrets but refusing to give the intelligence community the tools the director of national intelligence says it needs to keep our country safe,” Hoekstra said. “No one can explain how declassifying the intelligence budget will make America safer, but Director McConnell has made it plainly clear how fixing FISA will make a difference.

“So far this year, Congress has found time to push environmental spying and revealing national secrets, but it cannot find the time before the to address the one of the most critical intelligence gap we’ve been warned about. The terrorists and our foreign adversaries must be laughing.

“But we as a nation should be sad and concerned because we are vulnerable.

“Congress passing a so-called 9/11 bill without fixing FISA misses the most important lesson we learned on 9/11—That timely intelligence is the key to protecting the homeland.”