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## **Hoekstra: NYPD Report Provides Vital Insight on Homegrown Terrorism**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today recommended the New York Police Department’s study on homegrown terrorism as a must-read for those who want to understand the domestic threat from radical jihadism.

“This report underscores the decentralized, entrepreneurial nature of al-Qaeda and its ability to serve as an inspiration and catalyst for the radicalization of Muslims in the West,” Hoekstra said. “It provides important insights, and the first in-depth intelligence review, of how someone transforms from a regular person to a radical jihadist willing to commit violence against innocent men, women and children.”

The report, “Radicalization in the West: The Homegrown Threat,” analyzes terrorist attacks and plots in the West that have involved citizens and naturalized residents attacking their homeland. It presents a four-stage process of radicalization, covers the differences between the integration of Muslims in America and Europe, cites the power of the Internet as a force in the spread of the radical jihadist message and ideology, and concludes that intelligence is the critical tool to help stop plots and future attack planning.

Hoekstra noted that the NYPD study covers issues and topics that were discussed in last year’s House Intelligence Committee report, “al-Qaeda: The Many Faces of an Islamist Extremist Threat.” The committee’s report covered the growth of radical jihadist plots and attacks in America and Europe and al-Qaeda’s use of the Internet as a means to inspire and plan attacks. Both reports found that America has a better track record of integrating Muslims than Europe, but that America is not immune from the homegrown terrorist threat.

Hoekstra also noted the similarities between the NYPD study and a study by Dutch Intelligence that found that certain Muslim groups are receptive to radicalization and view violent jihad as positive and even “cool.”

“The overwhelming evidence demonstrates the importance of intelligence as the first line of America’s defense against the radical jihadist threat,” Hoekstra said. “The successful integration of our foreign intelligence and domestic intelligence operations is key to the safety of our nation.”

Hoekstra has made the NYPD report available on his congressional Web site:  
[http://hoekstra.house.gov/UploadedFiles/NYPD\\_Report-Radicalization\\_in\\_the\\_West.pdf](http://hoekstra.house.gov/UploadedFiles/NYPD_Report-Radicalization_in_the_West.pdf). It also is available on the  
NYPD Web site.