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## Hoekstra: Frivolous FISA Suits Threaten American Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today warned that unless Congress grants liability protection to companies that may have helped protect the homeland, the jobs of hard-working Americans could be put at risk.

“When our nation and its families are vulnerable, I believe few business owners would hesitate to answer the call for help,” Hoekstra said. “Yet Democrats in Congress are creating a situation where job providers are forced to choose between risking their employees’ jobs and livelihoods and responding to the call to duty.

“Backing trial lawyers at the expense of patriotic businesses and their employees is the wrong choice for Congress to make. As part of comprehensive terror surveillance reform, we need to pass liability protection for job providers and employees who aided our nation in one of its darkest hours.”

Hoekstra joined his Republican colleagues to highlight the consequences to American jobs of the new congressional agenda that includes increased spending, regulation, taxes, litigation and lawyering-up national security. He said he is concerned that instead of focusing on growth and job creation, companies caught up in the web of frivolous FISA lawsuits will be forced to shed jobs and spend money in court.

Hoekstra pointed to a report released by Republican leaders on the consequences of the new congressional agenda on jobs. The full report is available at:

<http://republicanleader.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Democrats%20War%20on%20American%20Jobs%20Report.pdf>.

More information on the War on American Jobs can be found at:

<http://republicanleader.house.gov/waronjobs/>.

Hoekstra went on to say that he ultimately hopes Congress can come together in a bipartisan manner to pass comprehensive terror surveillance reform legislation and protect American jobs.