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Hoekstra Condemns Terrorist Attack in Israel, Attack Shows Risk of House Inaction on FISA

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, condemned today’s terrorist attack in Israel and noted that it underscores the urgency for the House to act on passing Senate legislation to modernize and strengthen America’s terrorist surveillance laws:*

“My thoughts and prayers are with the Israeli people and the families and friends of those killed and hurt by this senseless violence. America stands with our friend Israel, and I condemn in the strongest possible terms this attack deliberately aimed at innocent students.

“The attack in Israel underscores for us in America the true nature of the threat our nation and our allies face, and the real-life urgency for Congress to complete terrorist surveillance legislation.

“Because the House majority has refused to modernize and strengthen America’s terrorist surveillance laws, the capability of our intelligence professionals to help our Israeli allies learn more about these terrorists, understand who they were working with and if they had any connections involving the United States could be impaired.

“The votes exist in the House to pass the Senate terrorist surveillance bill if only the House Democrat leadership will let it come to the floor. The consequences of the failure to act not only increases the danger to our homeland, but increases the risks for our troops in combat, our embassies and embassy staff, and yes, even our allies.

“This brutal jihadist attack on innocent school students is further proof that so long as terrorists are actively plotting, there is indeed urgency for the House to act.”