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## **Hoekstra Announces NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program Briefing for Full Committee**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today announced that all Members of the committee will be briefed on the National Security Agency’s Terrorist Surveillance Program.

“While much has been made of this program since its illegal disclosure, the terrorist surveillance program is still a critical tool in keeping this country safe,” Hoekstra said. “By briefing the full committee on this program, it is my hope that we can put an end to the politics surrounding this issue and get back to the serious business of protecting our national security.”

Under an agreement worked out between the House and Senate Intelligence committees and the administration, the 21 Members of the committee will be fully briefed on all aspects and operational details of the Terrorist Surveillance Program. The briefing will take place as soon as it can be arranged.

Hoekstra, who has supported briefing additional Members on the NSA program, personally called senior White House officials this past weekend requesting the full committee be briefed.

“The Terrorist Surveillance Program provides a focused and agile capability for our intelligence professionals to learn about terrorist plans in order to prevent attacks,” Hoekstra said. “As Members of Congress, we have an absolute oversight responsibility to ensure the government has the legal ability and means to understand and stop terrorists before they attack.

“With the full committee briefed, we can finally replace the politically driven rumor and innuendo surrounding this vital program with facts and support.”