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Hoekstra Statement on Judge's Ruling on the Terrorist Surveillance Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI), chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement following the ruling by a U.S. District judge in Detroit that the National Security Agency's Terrorist Surveillance Program violates the Constitution:

“It is disappointing that a judge would take it upon herself to disarm America during a time of war. The very real threat posed by radical Islamists requires every tool at our disposal, including the ability to track financial activity and the communications of terrorists.

“The disrupted plot in London last week was a strong reminder that the enemy is still determined to attack America. Limiting the ability to identify their plans and intentions increases the chance that the next time they will be successful.

“For nearly four years members of Congress on a bipartisan basis felt that the program was necessary and administered within the boundaries of the law. The U.S. Department of Justice has indicated that it intends to appeal the ruling, and I hope that it is overturned for the sake of our law enforcement and intelligence professionals who need every resource available to them to stop terrorist plots before they are carried out.”