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## **Hoekstra Statement on Terrorist Surveillance Program Ruling**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement after a judge issued an order that could halt the Terrorist Surveillance Program by the end of next week:

“Today’s ruling underscores the importance of congressional approval of legislation to modernize FISA, authorize the Terrorist Surveillance Program and protect civil liberties.

“The TSP program, which has had bipartisan support for the past four years, is a vital part of America’s forward defense against terrorist attacks. It provides critical, early warning of terrorist plots, and without it, we risk losing a critical means of connecting the dots.

“By passing the Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act today, the House is ensuring both the rights and lives of American citizens are protected.”

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