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Chairman Rogers Statement on White House Executive Order on Detainee Policy

Rogers says Comprehensive Solution Needed, Not Another Band-Aid

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The head of the House Intelligence Committee, Chairman Mike Rogers (MI) today expressed his disappointment over President Obama’s Executive Order on Guantanamo Bay detainees.

“Detainees are one of our best intelligence sources in the war on terrorism. We need a comprehensive system for intelligence gathering and long-term detention that is flexible and can endure changing circumstances, no matter where a detainee is picked up in the world. I am disappointed the White House chose to put another band-aid on this problem, rather than working with Congress to develop the comprehensive and long-term legislative framework we need. The ball is now in Congress’ court to develop that legislative framework.”