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## **Chairman Rogers Announces Strategic Partnership with House Appropriators**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), Mike Rogers today announced a move by the Intelligence Committee that will more closely knit the Intelligence Committee overseers with the Congressional appropriators who provide the funding for the Intelligence Community.

The move to include three Members of the House Appropriations Committee to participate in House Intelligence Committee hearings and briefings was unanimously approved by House Intelligence Committee Members. This new arrangement replaces the former Select Intelligence Oversight Panel (SIOP) which was disbanded earlier this year.

HPSCI Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger met recently with the three newly appointed Appropriators, two Republicans and one Democrat, Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-44), Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (NJ-11), and Rep. Norm Dicks (WA-06), to discuss their new liaison role to the Committee.

“This partnership will knit together the Intelligence Committee with the Appropriators and will allow key appropriators important insights into the intelligence community which they fund,” said Chairman Mike Rogers. “The 9/11 Commission recommended that the Congressional authorization and appropriation committees work more closely on intelligence matters. I am looking forward to working closely with Congressmen Calvert, Frelinghuysen and Dicks to eliminate the daylight that existed between our intelligence bills in the past,” said Rogers.

HPSCI Ranking Member Ruppersberger said, “It is an honor to have three prominent Members of the Appropriations Committee, who collectively have more than 60 years of Congressional experience, working together with us on the Intelligence Committee. We must ensure our committees are coordinating and communicating to make certain we are giving our intelligence professionals the resources, tools and capabilities they need to keep our country safe.”