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## **Chairman Rogers Opposes Public Release of Osama Bin Laden Photos**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman Mike Rogers voiced his opposition today to the U.S. Government releasing the photographs of Osama bin Laden taken after he was killed by U.S. forces on Sunday.

“I don’t want to make the job of our troops serving in places like Iraq and Afghanistan any harder than it already is. The risks of release outweigh the benefits. Conspiracy theorists around the world will just claim the photos are doctored anyway, and there is a real risk that releasing the photos will only serve to inflame public opinion in the Middle East.

“Imagine how the American people would react if Al Qaida killed one of our troops or military leaders, and put photos of the body on the internet. Osama bin Laden is not a trophy – he is dead and let’s now focus on continuing the fight until Al Qaida has been eliminated.”

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