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## **Chairman Rogers Says Al Qaeda Continues to Suffer “Serious Damage” With the Killing of Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Chairman Rogers today released the following statement regarding the killing of American born terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen:

Chairman Rogers said, "The killing of Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen is another great step forward in breaking the back of Al Qaeda. Born in New Mexico, al-Awlaki's deep understanding of American culture made him a very dangerous inspirational leader in the terrorist network. Al-Awlaki continued to inspire others to terror and actively planned and sought ways to kill Americans and attack our homeland.

"In the past few months, serious damage has been inflicted on Al Qaeda's leadership with several of their top leaders taken off the battlefield recently. Al-Awlaki was the number four leader in AQAP in Yemen. Another very dangerous terrorist has been eliminated today, but there is still work to be done. We must continue to aggressively pursue Al Qaeda in Yemen and wherever we find them around the world. We must not relent in our efforts to defeat this terrorist network."

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