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## **Rogers Praises Rescue of Hostages in Somalia** *Says Successful Rescue is Result of Great Intelligence*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman Rogers today released the following statement regarding the rescue by U.S. Special Forces of two hostages in Somalia.

“With the daring rescue of Jessica Buchanan and Poul Thisted, our intelligence professionals and special forces yet again showed the reach and determination of our nation to combat terrorism and protect our citizens and our allies. Unlike others, this nation does not negotiate with terrorists; we fight them wherever they threaten our interests and our citizens. The detailed and complex intelligence that goes into a raid like this is astounding. This event demonstrates the need to maintain a strong and flexible intelligence and military apparatus, even as we make hard choices about government spending. I commend our special forces, and our men and women on the front lines of intelligence who toil day in and day out to keep our nation and our people safe.”