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Chairman Rogers Praises Vindication of CIA Interrogators

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Chairman Rogers today released the following statement regarding Attorney General Holder's announcement today that the Department of Justice is dropping the criminal investigations against the vast majority of CIA interrogators involved in interrogating detainees post 9/11. The Attorney General announced that criminal investigations will continue in two specific cases.

On May 13, 2011, Chairman Rogers sent a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder calling for an end to the "unjustified criminal investigations of CIA personnel for authorized conduct in the line of duty, including interrogations that took place following the attacks of September 11." In that letter, Chairman Rogers went on to say, "These intelligence professionals deserve our gratitude and respect for their selfless service, not potential criminal liability and legal fees."

TODAY'S STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN MIKE ROGERS

"The Attorney General's decision is a significant step forward. I am pleased that the Department of Justice has finally substantially lifted an undeserved cloud of doubt and suspicion from all of our intelligence professionals.

"I hope that this decision will allow our intelligence professionals to move forward with their critical work free from the chilling effect of further investigation, and with the deserved full confidence of the American people. Similarly, I expect that the criminal investigation announced today will be continued in a manner fully consistent with the principle reaffirmed by the Attorney General that we will not prosecute anyone who acted in good faith and within the scope of legal advice. Under that common sense test, many good people were vindicated today.

"Today's decision is a vindication of the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Intelligence Community, many of whom work in dangerous situations at home and abroad and protect this nation from the threat of international terrorism and for that I applaud Mr. Durham and the Attorney General."

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