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## House Armed Services Committee

### Floyd D. Spence, Chairman

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### **PRESS ADVISORY**

#### **PRESS CONFERENCE ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MANAGEMENT OF ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM**

Congressman Buyer, chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services, will conduct a press conference to announce a hearing on the management of the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program. The press conference will take place on Thursday, June 22 at 1:45 p.m. in room 2337 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Congressman Walter Jones, and other Members to be determined, will also participate in the event.

#### **Background Information:**

The Military Personnel Subcommittee exercises oversight of the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program through public hearings, interviews with military members, site visits, and studies and reports conducted by the Comptroller General. Unanticipated delays in the final approval of the renovated Bioprot vaccine manufacturing plant have put the Department of Defense force protection strategy at risk. The subcommittee intends to examine the current status of the program and the Department of Defense contingency plans for maintaining force protection against exposure to deadly weaponized anthrax.

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