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## House Armed Services Committee Bob Stump, Chairman

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### STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN BOB STUMP ON TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

“I consider yesterday’s terrorist attacks against the American people to be nothing less than cold-blooded murder. I fully support any decision by the President to respond to these attacks in a manner that is swift, decisive, and appropriate.

“Yesterday’s attacks will serve only to strengthen our resolve to defend the American way of life. As a nation, we will not rest until we have defeated those who use fear as a weapon against the principles for which our country stands.

“The recent attacks also served notice that the United States is not yet fully prepared to meet the challenges of what must be considered a new era of international vulnerability. To this end, our nation must work quickly to eradicate the weaknesses that allowed the attacks to occur. While the less obvious weaknesses will gradually be discovered in the months ahead, Congress must act immediately to correct the most apparent problems. One such area of concern is our nation’s reliance on technology to collect intelligence – such information is not a substitute for human intelligence collection. The Congress should waste no time in approving additional support in this and other critical national security areas.

“Finally, we must not forget that thousands of Americans lost their lives yesterday, and many thousands more lost mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and friends and colleagues. My heart, my prayers, and my condolences go to them all.”

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