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**Statement by Chairman Duncan Hunter on Passage of
H.R. 10, The 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act**

Bill Preserves our Troops' Intelligence Lifeline

WASHINGTON, DC—October 8, 2004—Statement by Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) on approval of H.R. 10, the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act:

“Access to real-time intelligence for our troops is as important as the weapons they use in the battlefield. If the military is stripped of their ability to control their own intelligence lines, it can prove to be a deadly mistake. The Senate-passed legislation endangers this intelligence lifeline, but the House stood firm in its commitment to our troops by passing H.R. 10.

“With the release of the 9/11 Commission report, there has been considerable confusion and debate over exactly how our intelligence community operates and who controls what. We must all remember that the military is the biggest consumer of intelligence and any reforms enacted must not endanger the lives of our troops on the battlefield.

“The commission did a fine job of identifying ways to improve the flow of information to policymakers, but the leaders of the panel acknowledge that they took a far less comprehensive look at how to avoid intelligence failures on the battlefield.

“We won't serve the families of 9/11 victims by depriving our men and women in uniform of the direct intelligence lifeline that currently exists between our troops, spyplanes and satellites. I believe the House passed a fair compromise that not only improves the collection and analysis of national intelligence, but also protects the vital needs of our military.”

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