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SMITH SUPPORTS PRESIDENT IN IRAQ EFFORT

Congressman Comments on President's Speech to United Nations

(Washington, DC) – U.S. Representative Nick Smith (R-MI) applauds President George W. Bush's efforts to win international support for regime change in Iraq. Commenting this morning on the President's speech to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Smith said he made a strong case and now the United States and all of the free world must choose.

Smith, Michigan's member of the House International Relations Committee said, "Saddam Hussein has caused instability and unrest for Iraq's neighbors and the international community. There is substantial evidence that Saddam Hussein has supported terrorist activities as well as using chemical and biological weapons and building nuclear weapon capabilities. He has violated virtually every UN and international agreement he has ever entered into."

Smith added, "If the United Nations is to be credible and influence world peace, it needs to be aggressive in forcing Iraq's compliance and support President Bush. Inspections could be a first action if immediately and totally open to hundreds of inspectors. We are working on the best plan of action against Saddam's regime. Doing nothing, giving him more time to develop and deploy weapons of mass destruction, will only increase the danger he poses to America and the international community."

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