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**Washington, DC** – Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) responded to President Obama's address to the nation on the U.S. involvement in Libya.

"I support America's limited role in the international effort to protect Libyan civilians from being massacred by the tyrant Qaddafi. I agree with President Obama that standing idly by while Qaddafi made good on his edict to slaughter 700,000 Libyans in Benghazi – including women, children, and the elderly – would be an unacceptable blow to America's values and the security of the region. However, the success of the rebels' military campaign to remove Qaddafi from power is in the hands of the Libyan people, not the United States."

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.*

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