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Dear Friend,

After a lengthy delay that nearly derailed the post-9/11 intelligence reform legislation, this week Congress passed the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Implementation Act. This measure implements the vast majority of the recommendations of the independent 9/11 Commission and is supported by family members of the victims of 9/11. Families in Minnesota and around the country deserve these protections against terrorism, and since July, I have been working hard for the passage of this important legislation. [Click here](#) to read more.

This week, I led a bipartisan effort to urge Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to restore vital homeland security funding for the East Metro area. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently announced that Ramsey and Dakota Counties, including Minnesota's capital city and six other cities were being eliminated from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). By eliminating St. Paul and the surrounding East Metro communities from the plan which targets funding for urban areas deemed at greater risk for a terrorist attack, the Bush administration is telling our residents that our security is such a low priority that we do not need to protect ourselves. Read more about it by [clicking here](#).

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Sincerely,

McCollum Stands with Families of 9/11 Victims Urging Passage of Intelligence Reform



Rep. McCollum stands with 9/11 families at a press conference in early October urging for passage of 9/11 Commission recommendations.

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News Alert:

Standing With 9/11 Families to Make America Safer

This week, I stood with the families of 9/11 victims and the bipartisan 9/11 Commission by voting for passage of important intelligence reform legislation. The 9/11 Commission Recommendations Implementation Act ([S. 2845](#)) will overhaul intelligence agencies and also institute reforms in border security, aviation security, maritime security, emergency responders, public diplomacy, and law enforcement.

More than three years after the attacks of 9/11, status quo policies are not acceptable. These comprehensive intelligence reforms will make Americans safer, and are long overdue.

Read the [full statement](#).

Read a [fact sheet on S. 2845](#), the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Implementation Act.

Fighting to Restore Vital Homeland Security Funding for Ramsey and Dakota Counties & Minnesota's Capital City

This week, I led a bipartisan letter calling on Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to restore aid for Minnesota's capital city as well as Ramsey and Dakota Counties. Last week, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that St. Paul and six other cities were being eliminated from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) which targets funding for urban areas deemed at greater risk for a terrorist attack. McCollum was joined by Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Tom Feeney (R-FL), Harold Ford (D-TN), Ric Keller (R-FL) and Michael McNulty (D-NY).

Local governments in Minnesota and around the country affected by this decision received no prior notice that they would be excluded from the funding in 2005, and in fact were previously assured that they could count on these dollars and planned accordingly. The Bush administration's cuts are telling our residents that our security is such a low priority that we do not need to protect ourselves.

Read more about our bipartisan [effort to restore Homeland Security funding](#).

Read the [letter to Secretary Ridge](#).

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