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The Death of Osama bin Laden

On May 1, 2011, Osama bin Laden, leader of the terrorist group Al Qaida and mastermind of the September 11 attacks on America, was killed in Abbottabad,

Pakistan by American military forces. The brave men and women of our military and intelligence agencies have shown the world once again the reach and determination of American Power. Through the hard work of our intelligence community, we have brought to justice a terrorist with the blood of thousands of Americans on his hands, and brought justice to the families of his victims.

Although I believe Bin Laden's death closes a key chapter in the war on terror and we can all certainly celebrate this important victory, the fight against terrorism will continue. We will not stop until Al Qaida has been eliminated. To that end I believe that good intelligence is the best defense against terrorism and it is imperative that we continue to ensure that our intelligence community has the resources to keep us safe.

This week I discussed the death of Osama bin Laden on several news programs. You can view these interviews by clicking on the following links: [ABC's Good Morning America](#), [ABC News](#), [Fox News](#), [On the Record with Greta van Susteren](#), [MSNBC](#), [CNN](#), [WLNS in Lansing](#), [The Oakland Press](#) and [National Public Radio](#). To watch my press conference on the death of Osama Bin Laden, click [here](#).

Lower Gas Prices by Expanding Domestic Energy

This week the House of Representatives will be voting on H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act. With vital new safety measures in place, this legislation would expand American energy production and create jobs by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to conduct oil and natural gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and offshore Virginia that have been delayed or canceled by the Obama Administration.

As gas prices tick beyond the \$4 mark and political unrest continues across the Middle East, it has become ever more apparent that the future of American energy lies in our ability to develop energy here at home, including alternative and renewable sources of energy. I believe H.R. 1230 is an important step in reducing the price of gasoline and increasing our energy independence.

New Interactive Website Launched

I have launched a new, more interactive website that allows easier access to information about the U.S. House of Representatives, my work in Congress and services provided by my office. Providing information about the federal government and facilitating constituent services are the top priorities of my office and I encourage constituents to use my new, improved website as a resource.

The website is located at <http://www.mikerogers.house.gov/>.

The new website features new avenues of accessing the federal government, YouTube videos, an interactive map of Michigan's Eighth Congressional

District, a direct connection to my Facebook page, the running national debt clock and e-mail sign-up. The site provides the latest news from my Washington and district offices, including my efforts to reduce federal spending to help the private sector create jobs and to increase access to American energy to lower gasoline prices at the pump.

Thank you for the opportunity to contact you. You can also follow my efforts on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call on me.

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