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Gitmo Terrorists in U.S. Prisons is a Bad Gamble

This week, the Obama Administration decided to move at least 100 dangerous terrorists from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into a northwestern Illinois state prison.

I believe this is a very risky gamble on the part of the Administration. Terrorists with one mission in life, to kill Americans and destroy America, do not belong in state prisons, no matter whether it is Michigan, Kansas, Illinois, or any other state. These terrorists cannot be compared to the criminals housed in our state or federal prisons; they are different and much more dangerous.

As a former FBI Agent and Ranking Member on the House Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism, Counterterrorism and Human Intelligence, I am convinced that moving terrorist detainees from Guantanamo to house them in mainland U.S. prisons will put Americans and their communities at great risk. Worse, the Administration reportedly plans on mixing the terrorist with other federal prisoners.

These terrorists' entire lives are dedicated to recruiting other terrorists. Blending them with regular prisoners provides an open field for radicalizing other inmates. At a time when concern about 'homegrown terrorists' is an escalating concern, this is a very dangerous and foolish move. Americans do not want these terrorists anywhere near our cities and towns, the schools where our children attend classes, the churches where we worship, or our homes and places of work. The danger would be real and the temptation for violent action too much for terrorists to resist.

We have a place where these terrorist detainees are kept away from American families and communities, and where they are prevented from threatening American communities. It is called Guantanamo.

To read an article on this issue in the *Detroit News*, [click here](#).

Democrat Health Bill Rations Access to Mammograms for Women

As a cancer survivor, I know how valuable early detection at diagnosis can be - it saved my life. Unfortunately, a government panel recently recommended that women under 50 not receive regular access to mammograms and other breast cancer screening measures. I believe the panel's report is misguided and threatens the health of million of women across the country.

I am also concerned with the new powers given to this government panel under the Democrat health reform legislation passed by the House of Representatives. H.R. 3962 specifically gives this task force broad new authorities and powers, including the ability to set mammography coverage policy for women in a new national health insurance exchange.

This week, I spoke on the House floor to explain how the Democrat health care legislation will ration access to mammograms and other critical cancer screening programs for women. You can watch my speech by [clicking here](#).

Navy SEALs Deserve Gratitude, Not Punishment

U.S. Navy SEALs put their lives on the line every day in defense of our nation. Our SEALs are well-trained, have a distinguished record of service, and are committed to making the sacrifices necessary to do their job every day.

Unfortunately, three SEALs are currently facing court martial for allegedly giving a captured terrorist a bloody lip. This week I led a letter with seven other Members of the House Intelligence Committee asking U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to reconsider court martial proceedings for this SEAL team, who captured one of the most wanted terrorists in Iraq.

It is absolutely wrong for the nation these SEALs defend to take them into a courtroom and try to punish them for doing their duty. Not only does this send the wrong message to our Special Operations Forces but it will diminish their ability to do their job for the United States and the world. My colleagues and I, all members of the House Intelligence Committee, are asking Secretary Gates to review this matter and reconsider court-martial proceedings. These men face the enemies of the United States and bring these terrorists to justice for the good of the nation. We owe them a debt of gratitude, not a criminal proceeding.

To watch an interview I gave on Fox News regarding this issue, please [click here](#).

To read an op-ed I wrote on this subject for *Human Events*, [click here](#).

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to contact you. You can follow my efforts online by visiting my [website](#). You can also keep up with me on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions

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