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Sensenbrenner Statement on President Bush Signing Into Law Terrorist Tribunals Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.) today released the following statement regarding President George W. Bush signing into law the Military Commissions Act:

"President Bush today signed into law legislation that will assist the U.S. in standing tall in the War on Terror. Today's legislation establishes a legal structure for handling dangerous terrorists while keeping sensitive intelligence information out of the hands of our enemies. This terrorist tribunals legislation will provide terrorists – such as Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks – with a firm process to ensure justice is served. We shouldn't forget that the legal protections the terrorists will be afforded under this bill are among those that they have extinguished for thousands of innocent people."

"Though the country will be safer because of this legislation, it is very disappointing to again see that most of my Democrat colleagues not only walked away from, but actively opposed, the War on Terror by voting against this legislation. In fact, less than one month ago, the House Judiciary Committee had supported this legislation in an earlier form without the support of a single Democrat Member."

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