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Dear Friends,

Improving our nation's homeland security must be a top priority. As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I recently attended a special hearing to listen to the 9/11 Commissioners testify about the recommendations contained in the Commission's Report.

The bipartisan 9/11 Commission was unanimous in recommending important changes in how our nation gathers and utilizes intelligence information. Among its recommendations was that the Director of Central Intelligence be replaced by a National Intelligence Director who would have budgetary and personnel authority over all intelligence activities. The Commission also recommended the establishment of a National Counterterrorism Center with joint operational and intelligence planning capabilities.

I support many of these recommendations and I look forward to working with the Homeland Security Committee and Congress to quickly implement many of the Commission's recommendations. Our nation must attack the terrorists abroad by improving our intelligence, denying them safe harbors, cutting off their funding and closing the gaps in our homeland security.

As the leading Democrat on the U.S. Helsinki Commission, I also support the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the United States engage more effectively in the "struggle for ideas." It's important that we set an example of moral and humane leadership that can counter the terrorist ideologies of hate and destruction.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
Member of Congress



Congressman Cardin Tours BWI Airport Construction Site

The Congressman is briefed by BWI officials on state-of-the-art baggage screening equipment that will be installed in the two new Piers that are now under construction for Southwest Airlines. The new Piers are expected to open in May 2005, allowing Southwest Airlines to handle approximately 250 flights a day. Congressman Cardin is working with Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and BWI officials to ensure that the airport has enough personnel so that passenger screening is handled in a timely and efficient manner. For more information, [click here](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Saturday, Sept. 18th at 8:45 a.m., I will address the opening ceremony of the National Parks America Tour. I will talk about the importance of community service and recognize those who volunteer at our national parks. The event will be held at the Ft. McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine.

Previous Survey Question Results

Do you favor increased federal support for stem cell research?

Answer	Percent
Yes	79.72%
No	20.28%
Totals	100%

New Survey Question

Congressman Cardin Wants To Hear From You

Do you support a major restructuring of our intelligence community that would give a new National Intelligence Director strong budgetary and personnel authority?

- Yes
 No

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