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**CONGRESSMAN DAN BURTON APPLAUDS THE
SUCCESSFUL TEST OF THE MISSILE DEFENSE
SYSTEM**

-WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT IN THE FACE OF AMERICA'S ENEMIES-

(Washington, D.C.) – Congressman Dan Burton [R-IN-05], a senior Member of the House International Relations Committee released the following statement regarding the successful test of America's missile defense system:

"Last week's successful test of the long-range, missile defense system was very encouraging. I appreciate the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our Nation's scientists and military personnel, especially those at the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) who continue to work to advance our Nation's defenses."

"The United States continues to be a target of rogue regimes and terrorist organizations which are dedicated to the destruction of our way of life, and last week's successful test does not mean we are invulnerable. We must not be complacent in the face of America's enemies."

"The United States can not permit rogue regimes like Iran and North Korea to acquire or develop missile systems that are capable of striking the United States and our allies with nuclear weapons, and we need to develop and implement a comprehensive, multi-faceted, missile defense system as soon as possible. Last week's test was encouraging and so we must continue to fund, research, and test the missile defense systems' full capability."

"I am happy to see our Government working with former members of the Warsaw Pact, including the Czech Republic and Poland, in developing, implementing, and stationing a missile defense system in Europe that will protect both the United States and our allies from a potential missile attack."