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King welcomes new Republicans to the Committee on Homeland Security

Washington, D.C. (Friday, January 9, 2009)—Today, U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, released the following statement on the Republican membership of the Committee on Homeland Security:

“There is no issue more important than the continuing security of our Nation,” King said. “The Republican Members of our Committee understand this, and they each bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with them—including criminal prosecution, anti-terrorism and rebuilding Katrina-ravaged New Orleans. I look forward to working with each of our Members to conduct thoughtful oversight of the Department of Homeland Security and propose real solutions to the security issues facing our country.”

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The Committee ratio in the 111th Congress will be 21 Democrats and 13 Republicans.

Returning Members on the Committee on Homeland Security include:

Rep. Lamar Smith (TX)
Rep. Mark Souder (IN)
Rep. Daniel Lungren (CA)
Rep. Mike Rogers (AL)
Rep. Michael McCaul (TX)
Rep. Charlie Dent (PA)
Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL)
Rep. Paul Broun (GA)
Rep. Candice Miller (MI)

New Members of the Committee on Homeland Security include:

Rep. Pete Olson (TX)
Rep. Anh “Joseph” Cao (LA)
Rep. Steve Austria (OH)