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## ***Shuster Statement on Possibility of KSM Trial Moving to Western Pennsylvania***

Washington, DC - **Congressman Bill Shuster (R-PA09)** released the following statement upon learning of reports that the Justice Department may be considering western Pennsylvania and Johnstown in particular as an alternate location for the trial of Khalid Sheik Mohammed:

“I will strongly oppose any decision that will have the mastermind of the September 11th attacks housed in our backyard in Johnstown or anywhere else in western Pennsylvania.

From the start, the decision by the Obama Administration to move Khalid Sheik Mohammed and four of his conspirators into the United States for trial in federal civilian court was shortsighted and dangerous.

Congress put military commissions in place to avoid the very situation the White House is scrambling to deal with now. Khalid Sheik Mohammed and his cohorts are foreign enemy combatants who should not be granted the legal rights American citizens enjoy. Nor should the American people and the residents of Johnstown be forced to have their tax dollars pay for their defense of these terrorists or their presence in our communities.”

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