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Shuster Joins Armed Services Republicans to Introduce Legislation to Block Using Military Installations to Try Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Others

Washington, D.C.— Today, Congressman Shuster joined fifteen of his Republican colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to introduce legislation that would block the Obama Administration from using U.S. military installations as venues to prosecute Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or his 9/11 co-conspirators in civilian courts.

“I have maintained throughout the debate on this issue that Khalid Sheik Mohammed and his cohorts should be tried through the military tribunal system that was put in place precisely to deal with these kinds of terrorists,” Shuster said.

“Both the Fort Hood shooting and the thwarted Fort Dix plot prove that our military installations are targets for attack. There is no need to make them a more attractive target by housing some of the world’s worst terrorists there. Our military bases should train and house soldiers, not federal courts to try terrorists.”

“Military installations are inappropriate locations to try terrorists in civilian trials,” said Ranking Member Howard P. “Buck” McKeon. “If the Administration heads down this path, it will present unnecessary security risks to our men and women in uniform serving on those installations and their families.”

The legislation, H.R. 4738, states: “None of the installations owned, operated, or under the effective control of the Department of Defense that are located in the United States, its territories or possessions, may be used to commence or continue the prosecution in an Article III court of the United States of an individual [suspected of planning, authorizing, organizing, committing, or aiding the attacks on the United States and its citizens that occurred on September 11, 2001] for any offense that may be prosecuted by military commission.”

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