

Congressman Rothman's Statement on the Killing of Osama bin Laden

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Washington, DC -- Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), a member of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, released the following statement on the announcement by President Obama that Osama bin Laden has been killed by U.S special forces:

With the killing by U.S. forces of one of the most evil men in history, who had the blood of thousands of innocent Americans on his hands, we mark the most significant achievement to date in our fight against al-Qaeda and terrorism. The world has now been reminded that there is no safety or shelter for the enemies of our nation.

Our gratitude goes to our U.S. military and intelligence in accomplishing this dangerous and complex mission as well as to President Obama for his steadfast leadership in realizing this long sought goal of bringing Osama bin Laden to justice. Our hearts continue to go out to the families of all of the 9/11 victims as well as victims of other terrorist attacks against Americans. We hope that the death of this mass murderer will bring some comfort to them.

However, we as a nation must understand that this is not the end of al-Qaeda or terrorist efforts against the United States and her citizens. And we must continue our international and homeland security diligence with determination.

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