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Statement of Tom Lantos on the 9/11 Commission Report

Washington, DC – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), the ranking Democrat on the House International Relations Committee and a senior member of the House Government Reform Committee, made the following statement today on the Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, also known as the 9/11 Commission Report:

"This comprehensive and bipartisan report shows how far we still have to go to correct shortcomings in our homeland security infrastructure, including the funding that first responders still desperately need to face new security threats. But it also has important implications for U.S. foreign policy that will require true bipartisanship in the Congress and a deep commitment by the White House. Military means alone will not keep us safe; the report indicates that we need innovative programs that support political reform, education and expanded economic opportunities in countries struggling to fight the rising tide of terrorist ideology."

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