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TANCREDO ADMONISHES 9/11 COMMISSIONERS FOR ELECTION YEAR POLITICKING

***“Commissioners extending five minutes of fame by grandstanding
on House Intel Bill H.R. 10”***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) today lashed out at the 9-11 Commission’s failure to stand behind a number of their recommendations. The Commission report contained several explicit directives designed to enhance border security, and to prevent the proliferation of fraudulent documents. Since issuing the recommendations, however, the Commission has distanced themselves from the report.

“Days after the release of the 9-11 report, the Commissioners hit the talk show circuit talking about how important it was to implement *all* of the recommendations,” said Tancredo, “But now that the House has produced a bill that does just that, the Commission is bailing out of their own report like rats off a sinking ship.”

Tancredo chalked up the Commission’s flip-flopping to election year politics, citing several Commission members’ decision to hold a joint press conference with members of the Senate asking for the removal of immigration enforcement provisions from the House version of the bill (HR 10).

“Frankly, the Commission’s work is done,” said Tancredo, “Their continued participation in the process only illustrates how susceptible to political pressure that members of a ‘non-partisan’ Commission can become in an election year.”

“We cannot let politics prevent the enactment of these reforms,” said Tancredo, “Not from anyone eager to pander to a segment of the voting public, and certainly not from a half-dozen Commissioners eager to stretch out their five minutes of fame into five months.”

“We should do what the President, Senator Kerry, and the Commissioners originally recommended,” concluded Tancredo “and enact *all* of the recommendations in the report.”

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