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**Statement by the Director of National Intelligence
John D. Negroponte**

“I look forward to working with Congressman Reyes as he assumes his leadership of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Congressman Reyes’ lengthy service on the Intelligence Committee, and his comprehensive understanding of the Intelligence Community and the challenges it faces, ideally qualifies him for this important chairmanship. I congratulate him on his selection and look forward to working with him and the committee in its important work.”