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**CONGRESSMAN KING WORKS WITH
PRESIDENT ON HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUES**



THE WHITE HOUSE – Rep. King is pictured with President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama at a White House event for the Prime Minister of Ireland.

Despite their strong differences on closing the terrorist detention facility at Guantanamo and releasing CIA interrogation memos, Rep. Pete King works with President Barack Obama and members of his administration on a number of key security issues, particularly to assure that New York and Long Island are receiving the federal funding needed to protect our region from Islamic terrorism.

CONGRESSMAN KING INSPECTS GUANTANAMO
Opposes President's Decision to Close Terrorist Detention Facility

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA – Congressman Pete King led a delegation to inspect the terrorist detention facility at Guantanamo. Rep. King said that the terrorist detainees are treated far better than prisoners in most American prisons. He is seriously concerned that a number of these detainees could be brought to New York for trial, which would create serious security problems, and that – even worse – some of the detainees could actually be released.



CONGRESSMAN KING HAILS PROGRESS IN IRAQ

Supports President's Troop Level Plan



BAGHDAD, IRAQ – Congressman Pete King meets with General Ray Odierno, the American military commander in Iraq.

During my visits to Iraq I have met with America's military commanders such as Gen. David Petraeus and Gen. Ray Odierno. I have also met with rank and file troops including National Guard and reservists from New York and Long Island. I have been able to see first hand the extraordinary progress made by our troops in defeating Al Qaeda, putting down the Sunni insurgency and creating meaningful governmental institutions. As President Obama recently stated: "Under tough circumstances the United States military has succeeded beyond any expectation."

STABLE IRAQ VITAL TO U.S. INTERESTS

I agree with the President that it is in America's national interest to have Iraq be "sovereign, stable and self-reliant" because "the future of Iraq is inseparable from the future of the broader Middle East." To bring this about, the President now plans to continue our combat mission in Iraq until August 2010 and maintain a force of up to 50,000 troops until the end of 2011.

RESPONSIBLE TROOP SCALEDOWN

I support the President's troop plan because it gives America the time it needs to complete the training of Iraqi troops to take over the responsibility of defending their country. This phased, systematic plan enables the United States and the Iraqi government to consolidate the enormous gains which have been made. A precipitate withdrawal would be disastrous for the United States. As President Obama has said: "we will complete this transition to Iraqi responsibly, and we will bring our troops home with the honor they have earned."



CONGRESSMAN KING CITES SEAFORD LITTLE LEAGUE FOR ITS YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SEAFORD, NY – Congressman Pete King was on hand for the opening day event of the Seaford Little League. Rep. King works with leaders of community youth programs, such as the Seaford Little League, urging our youth to stay in school and off drugs.

CONGRESSMAN KING FIGHTS ISLAMIC TERRORISM

Opposes Disclosure of CIA Interrogation Memos



McLEAN, VIRGINIA – Congressman Pete King visited the National Counterterrorism Center as part of his ongoing effort to defend the United States from Islamic terrorists. Rep. King supports the brave men and women of our intelligence services and strongly opposed President Obama's decision to release the details of the CIA's interrogation techniques which protected us from attack after September 11, 2001.

CONGRESSMAN KING FIGHTS FOR MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES

Opposes Tax Increases

Our country is going through very difficult economic times. This is particularly true on Long Island. Unfortunately, President Obama's stimulus legislation and budget will actually make this situation worse. We need a stimulus bill focused on infrastructure spending for bridges, tunnels and highways and tax cuts for middle income families and small businesses. The President's bill (**H.R. 1**) allocated only 9.4% to infrastructure and 18% for new tax relief. This stimulus bill also weakened our ability to detect illegal immigrants seeking American jobs. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office concluded that this legislation will **depress** the economy and reduce wages. Also, the stimulus bill was rushed through for a vote without any opportunity to read it.

I also opposed the President's budget (**S. Con. Res. 13**) because it dramatically increases spending and raises taxes on investors, small business and energy. It makes absolutely no sense to raise taxes during a recession when we should be trying to provide incentives and create jobs. Combined with the large tax increases in the New York State budget, these two budgets will have a devastating impact on Long Island.

I assure you I will continue to fight for tax relief and oppose liberal spending.

CONGRESSMAN KING LEADS FIGHT TO SECURE OUR BORDERS

WEST BABYLON, NY – Congressman Pete King recently appeared on a national television show to call for increased border patrol agents to secure our southern borders from Mexican drug gangs. Rep. King supports increasing our efforts to stop illegal immigration and opposes amnesty for illegal immigrants in our country.



CONGRESSMAN KING CONFERS WITH SUFFOLK D.A. TO FIGHT TERRORISM

HAUPPAUGE, NY – Congressman Pete King met recently with Suffolk District Attorney Thomas Spota to discuss the comprehensive counterterrorism efforts of the District Attorney and the Suffolk County Police Department. Rep. King assists Suffolk County officials in coordinating their anti-terror programs with the federal government.



CONGRESSMAN KING, SENATOR McCAIN SUPPORT EFFORT TO DEFEAT TALIBAN AND AL QAEDA IN AFGHANISTAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Pete King and Senator John McCain stand together to support the policy of increasing troop levels to defeat the Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan. Rep. King says that the troop levels proposed by President Obama are necessary to prevent Afghanistan from becoming a sanctuary and training camp for Islamic terrorism as it was before September 11th.



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