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Rep. Garrett Supports President Bush's Call to Renew the Patriot Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, President Bush marked the one-year anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security, touting the Department's accomplishments and by calling for a renewal of the Patriot Act. Rep. Scott Garrett (NJ-05) supports the President on these accomplishments, saying that because of these initiatives, America is now more secure than ever before:

“With the Department of Homeland Security, there are 22 agencies under the umbrella of one Department, enabling for better, quicker, simpler communication on matters of national security. I applaud the President and the Department for making our nation more secure than ever before.

“Americans are unquestionably safer since the opening of the Homeland Security Department. We have come a long way, but there is still a lot to be done. With the renewal of the Patriot Act, America can continue down the path to better securing our citizens and our country.

“Key provisions of the Patriot Act are set to expire next year, but the threats that our nation faces will not expire on schedule. In order to protect our citizens, law enforcement agencies need this Act renewed to better share information, track terrorists, and disrupt their cells to seize their assets.”

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