

Homeland Security As a former law enforcement officer detailed to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, I have served on the front line in our nation's War on Terror.

By supporting initiatives that upgrade our intelligence agencies, enhance our military capabilities, and improve our domestic law enforcement agencies, I am working to defend our homeland and improve our national security apparatus.

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ENDORISING THE 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The 9/11 Commission was established by Congress to investigate the September 11th attacks and to come up with recommendations on how to prevent future terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

The Commission's final report included a comprehensive list of over 40 recommendations, which included improving protections for our public transit systems, developing stronger diplomatic ties, and increasing funding for our intelligence agencies.

I strongly believe that the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission were made based on strong evidence and with the best interests of our nation in mind.

I remain a supporter of the decision of this Democratic Congress to pass legislation fully implementing these recommendations.

PROTECTING OUR TROOPS I remain a strong supporter of legislative initiatives that provide our troops with the resources they need to safeguard our freedoms and advance our democracy.

Fiscal Year 2009
Authorization Act.

In the 110th Congress, I voted in favor of the
National Defense

This legislation held the Bush Administration and Iraqi government more accountable by requiring Iraqis to shoulder more of the burden in rebuilding and securing their nation. Furthermore, this bill provided immediate assistance to our armed services personnel and their families by prohibiting fee increases in the military's TRICARE health services program.

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SUPPORTING POLICE DEPARTMENTS In Indianapolis, as in many cities across the country, dedicated police forces fight criminal activity. Unfortunately, because of a lack of funding, their successes are not as widespread as they might otherwise be.

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program and the COPS Hiring Program are competitive grant programs that help departments to hire additional staff and purchase the equipment necessary to keep our cities safe.

I proudly supported provisions in this year's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that enable police departments across the United States to apply for \$4 billion in additional Byrne and COPS grants.

FUNDING OUR INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

As a former Homeland Security official, I understand and appreciate the important role our intelligence agencies play in securing the American public.

To demonstrate my strong support for America's intelligence agencies, I voted to pass the Fiscal Year 2009 Intelligence Authorization Act.

This comprehensive intelligence bill contained several key provisions that enhance our intelligence capabilities and provide the men and women in the intelligence community with the tools they need to protect our nation.

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