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## ***Shuster to House Democrats: Stop Stalling on FISA Reform***

*Washington, D.C.* – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement calling on House Democrats to stop obstructing and pass a real Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) reform bill:

“If Congress does not act, the eyes and ears of our intelligence community will go dark on Saturday. In a time when we continue to face the persistent threat of terrorist attack, going blind and deaf to our enemies is unacceptable.

For six months, Democrats have stalled on passing a FISA reform bill that closes the terrorist loophole and protects American companies assisting our intelligence community to track the communications of foreign terrorists. We’ve had six months of extensions and six months of empty promises.

Last night, the Senate passed a bipartisan bill that brings FISA into the 21st Century and closes the gaps in our intelligence services. The House should adopt the Senate bill. However, House Democrats are fixated on rejecting this bipartisan approach in favor of yet another 21 day extension of the current law. This is an extension the President will veto.

Our national security is too important for petty politics. I urge Speaker Pelosi and her leadership to follow their Senate colleagues and adopt the Senate FISA reform bill.”

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