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## ***Shuster Joins Rep. Schwartz in Calling for a Cessation of Hostilities Between Russia and the Republic of Georgia***

Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** (PA-09), a co-chairman on the House Georgia Caucus joined with his fellow co-chair **Representative Allyson Y. Schwartz** (PA-13) to release the following statement upon learning of hostilities between Russia and the Republic of Georgia:

“The escalation of the conflict between Georgia and Russia is deeply troubling, and we urge both sides to end hostilities and initiate talks to resolve the conflict peacefully. We applaud the State Department’s decision to send a special envoy to the region. President Bush is in Beijing right now with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, and we encourage him to use this opportunity to bring the parties to a cease fire, initiate talks, and protect the territorial integrity of Georgia. We urge him to do so as quickly as possible so that we can prevent the loss of any more life in the region.”

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