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**STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE JAMES R. CLAPPER
ON SUPPORT FOR OMNIBUS FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

I strongly support Congress approving an Omnibus Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Bill, rather than requiring the Intelligence Community (IC) to operate under a restrictive year-long Continuing Resolution (CR).

Under a year-long CR, critical national intelligence capabilities will be underfunded, leading to delays, cost overruns and programs that could not be fully executed. The Omnibus helps the IC to better anticipate and adapt to threats with flexibility and agility. A year-long CR provides reduced funding for our highest priorities, including addressing terrorism at home and abroad.

The Omnibus Appropriations Bill is the preferred and prudent course to support our nation's intelligence programs and capabilities.

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