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U.S. Gets a "C" for WMD Terrorism Prevention Efforts

Democrat and Republican 9/11 Commissioners Stress that U.S. Must Do Better

Washington, DC--The Partnership for a Secure America (PSA), a bipartisan group of leading national security experts, today released a WMD Report Card, examining U.S. Government programs to prevent nuclear, chemical, and biological terrorism. In 2005, the 9/11 Public Discourse Project found that the U.S. Government had made "insufficient progress" on safeguarding the country against a WMD terrorist attack, giving these efforts a final grade of "D". Today, on the eve of the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, PSA gave the U.S. Government a "C".

"Moving from a D to a C in three years is progress, but not really acceptable progress," former Representative and 9/11 Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton (D-IN) said at a press conference announcing the report.

"What we need now is for the next Administration to commit itself to unwavering dedication to ensure that we capitalize on the progress we've made and push forward to improve and solidify our efforts on all fronts," former Senator and 9/11 Commissioner Slade Gorton (R-WA) said at the press conference. "Now is the time to turn our resolve into action."

The Report Card is signed by Rep. Hamilton, former Governor Thomas Kean (R-NJ) and former Sen. Warren Rudman (R-NH), and endorsed by a list of former top officials from both parties, including Sen. Gorton.

PSA was created in 2005 by Rep. Hamilton and Sen. Rudman to foster bipartisan, consensus driven solutions to the major national security and foreign policy challenges facing our country. Copies of the Report Card, along with more information on PSA and bios of our distinguished bipartisan Advisory Board, can be found at www.psaonline.org.

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