

Thursday, March 4, 2010

**Chairman Russ Carnahan To Explore Link Between
America's Global Reputation and National Security,
Economic Strength**

***Carnahan's Second Subcommittee Hearing Titled "Restoring
America's Reputation in the World: Why It Matters"***

SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING THURSDAY, MARCH 4 AT 2:00 P.M. ET

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03) will chair a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing, to explore the link between America's reputation in the world and our ability to build strategic global relationships that can boost our nation's economy and strengthen our national security.

The hearing, which is Carnahan's second since being named Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, will take place on **Thursday, March 4**, and is titled "**Restoring America's Reputation in the World: Why It Matters.**"

"Our two most important priorities as a nation must be to restore our economic strength and maintain the safety and security of our people in an increasingly dangerous world," Carnahan said. **"There is strong evidence that the damage done to our reputation in the world over the last eight years has turned around. We must capitalize on this positive trend in order to maximize economic opportunities for American businesses and make our nation stronger and more secure."**

During 2007 and 2008, the Subcommittee held a series of hearings about America's declining global reputation. At Thursday's hearing, Subcommittee members will examine recent polling regarding America's global reputation, and will hear testimony regarding the relationship between improvements in our global standing and concrete economic and security benefits, such as international trade, foreign tourism in the U.S., and counter-terrorism cooperation. Witnesses include Andrew Kohut, President of the Pew Research Center; and Joseph Nye, Professor of International Relations at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.