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CARNAHAN STATEMENT RE: CRACKING DOWN ON TERRORIST THREATS

*Congressman Russ Carnahan Returned Last Night from
Foreign Affairs Committee Trip to Afghanistan, Pakistan*

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03) issued the following statement regarding developments in the investigation of the failed Times Square bombing attempt. Carnahan returned yesterday from a Foreign Affairs Committee trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan, where he and other members of the bipartisan delegation met with U.S. and allied officials to review reconstruction, security and anti-terrorism efforts.

“Fighting terrorism is a team effort. It requires increased international engagement so that we can work with other countries to track down terrorists wherever they are in the world and bring them to justice; it requires local law enforcement coordinating with federal officials to maximize security; and it requires ordinary citizens having the presence of mind to speak up when they see something they know isn’t right.

“Last weekend, I saw first-hand the U.S. troops, intelligence officials and others who are working day and night in every corner of the globe to make us safer here at home. I was very pleased to learn that there have been significant improvements in how our intelligence communities are working together.

“But we must do more. We must immediately strengthen the enforcement of the no-fly list and conduct a swift and thorough review of our anti-terrorism system to plug any holes. And we must remember that terrorism is a constantly evolving threat; if we’re going to keep our citizens safe, our efforts to fight terrorism must evolve as well.

“This investigation is ongoing, but one thing is abundantly clear: We must continue to remain vigilant to protect Americans from those who would do us harm.”

-- Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3)

Carnahan is the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight.