

## Securing America's Freedom, Homeland, & Borders



### Republicans will work to pass the Patriot Act to prevent further terrorist attacks on American soil.

- The Patriot Act has played a crucial role in the dismantling of several terrorist cells within the United States, and has aided in the capture of 401 suspected terrorists.
- As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to protect our fellow citizens.
- The safety of our neighborhoods, our schools, and our communities depend on the USA Patriot Act – and our national security demands that we act now.

### Congress worked hard at forging a compromise that strikes the right balance of protecting our country and securing our civil liberties.

- The agreement preserves those provisions that have made America safer since 9/11 and includes the tools necessary to combat terrorism without sacrificing our freedoms and rights.
- Not passing the Patriot tools is a step backward and will compromise the safety of the American people.
- The Congress has the obligation to provide our law enforcement officers the authority and tools they need to investigate and track suspected terrorists already here in the United States.

### The bipartisan agreement on the Patriot Act also includes the most comprehensive anti-meth package ever introduced in the Congress.

- The goal of the Combat Meth Act is to make certain legitimate consumers have access to the medicine they need, while cutting off the meth cooks from the ingredients they need to cook meth.
- Methamphetamine is perhaps the most deadly, fiercely addictive, and rapidly spreading drug the United States has known. It is cheap, potent, and available everywhere.
- During the past decade, while law enforcement officers continue to bust record numbers of clandestine labs, meth use in communities has increased by as much as 300 percent.

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### Pass the Patriot Act Now to Fight Terrorism and Secure America's Ports

- Title III of the Patriot Act Conference Report – known as the “Reducing Crime and Terrorism at America’s Seaports Act of 2005” – takes specific steps to improve our nation’s ability to secure our ports and thwart terrorist attacks.
- If senators are serious about port security, they will end all delay and pass the Patriot Act now.

### *The Patriot Act Conference Report Includes following specific to America’s ports:*

**Seaport Entry by False Pretenses** – makes it a federal crime to use fraud or false pretenses to enter America’s ports.

**Obstructing Maritime Inspections** – establishes new, general federal crime to forcibly interfere with the inspections of vessels by federal law enforcement or resist arrest, or to provide law enforcement officers with false information.

**Terrorist Attacks on Passenger Vessels** – adds “passenger vessels” to the forms of mass transit protected against terrorist attacks under Federal Law.

**Interference with Maritime Commerce** – makes it a federal crime to place any substance or devise in the navigable waters of the U.S. with the intent to damage a vessel or its cargo or to interfere with maritime commerce.

**Transporting Dangerous Materials** – makes it a federal crime to transport explosives, biological, chemical, radioactive weapons or nuclear material aboard a vessel in the U.S., in waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction, on the high seas, or aboard a vessel of the U.S.

**Transporting Terrorists** – makes it a federal offense for transporting an individual knowing he intends to commit, or is fleeing from the commission of a crime of terrorism.

**Interference With Maritime Navigation** – makes violence committed against vessels or their facilities punishable by imprisonment for any term of years or for life if the offense involves a vessel carrying high level radioactive waste or spent nuclear fuel.

**Stowaways** – increases the penalty for stowing away from imprisonment for not more than one year to not more than five years; or if death results, by death or imprisonment for any term of years or for life.

**Port Security Bribery** – makes it a federal crime to bribe any individual within any secure or restricted area or seaport with the intent to commit international or domestic terrorism.

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