

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Chairman John F. Tierney issued the following statement with respect to a report his subcommittee staff released today that represents a year-long, in-depth investigation of the \$6.3 billion Coalition Support Funds program to Pakistan:

“Terrorist safe havens in western Pakistan continue to propel new waves of Taliban and al Qaeda fighters into battle with U.S. forces in Afghanistan, breed a new generation of terrorists with designs on spectacular attacks on the civilian populations of the United States and its allies, and wreak havoc on the rest of Pakistan. Since 9/11, the United States has relied on \$6.3 billion in payments to the Pakistani military through the Coalition Support Funds program as our country’s principal means of engaging with the Pakistanis.

“Even though Coalition Support Funds have represented more than half the entire US assistance to Pakistan since 9/11, it is an incredibly opaque program that very few people know much about. This report attempts to change all that. The report we’ve issued today examines the origin, history, and operation of this program, and exposes the program’s three material weaknesses: 1) it has failed the accountability test of appropriate stewardship of billions of U.S. taxpayer funds; 2) it has failed the effectiveness test in that security in this vital region has, by almost any metric, deteriorated since 9/11; and 3) it has failed the diplomatic test by exacerbating widely-held perceptions among Pakistanis that Pakistan is ‘doing Washington’s bidding’ rather than fighting terrorism as a matter of its own interests.

“Now, more than ever, the United States must fundamentally reevaluate the nature of its relationship with Pakistan by adopting a comprehensive and strategic approach. The time is ripe for a fundamental change. As the culmination of our year-long investigation, this report offers recommendations to transition away from an ad hoc, ineffective, and unaccountable Coalition Support Funds program to funding streams and a U.S.-Pakistan relationship that better satisfies the long-term security needs of both countries.”

Documents and Links

- [U.S. COALITION SUPPORT FUNDS TO PAKISTAN: FROM INEFFECTIVE, UNACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENTS TO A LONG-TERM, STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP](#)