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***National Security Oversight Subcommittee***

**Congressman John Tierney, Chairman**

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**Chairman Tierney to Examine How U.S. Agencies Can Better Work Together to Protect National Security**

***Hearing will highlight lessons from SOUTHCOM and AFRICOM***

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Washington, DC - On **Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 2 p.m. in 2247 Rayburn House Office Building**, Congressman John Tierney's Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs will continue its examination of how U.S. agencies can better work together to promote U.S. national security interests. As the challenges and threats to U.S. security become increasingly interwoven, this hearing will examine the Department of Defense's regional combatant commands, specifically focusing on U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) as a lens to the broader question of how the U.S. Government can achieve successful interagency collaboration.

This hearing will feature a single panel of witnesses from the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. The Department of Homeland Security will submit written testimony. Witnesses will discuss each agency's approach to interagency collaboration as well as what procedures, personnel, and organizational structures can be put in place to ensure that the agencies are able to work together efficiently and effectively.

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WITNESS LIST: This hearing will feature a single, four-witness panel, including:

· **John Pendleton**, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office

· **James Schear**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations, U.S. Department of Defense

· **Thomas Countryman**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State

- **Susan Reichle**, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

**WHERE: 2247 Rayburn House Office Building**

**WHEN: 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010**