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Chairman Tierney Releases Statement on the Passing of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke

Washington, DC- Congressman John F. Tierney (D-MA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, made the following statement in reaction to news of the passing of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke:

"I was deeply saddened to hear that Ambassador Richard Holbrooke passed away. Over these past years I have benefited greatly from our spirited, and at times contentious, discussions about U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Just this last Thursday -- a day before he took ill -- we spent an hour trading perspectives on U.S. policy in South Asia, and Ambassador Holbrooke displayed his usual command of facts and clarity of vision. My heart goes out to his wife, Kati, his family, friends, and colleagues. Due to his tireless advocacy for U.S. interests and sustainable peace in troubled regions, people in every time zone around the world will mourn this loss."