

Six years after the terrorist attacks on September 11th, we remember the thousands of innocent people who lost their lives on that dreadful day. And we are reminded of the threats posed to Americans by radical individuals and organizations whose ideological fixation overrides any concern for human life.

In the wake of that tragedy, we dedicated ourselves to improving our ability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to threats to our national security. And while we have made gains in a number of areas, we have a responsibility to address our many remaining security needs.

I feel this responsibility acutely as chairman of the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, and I pledge to continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make our nation more secure.