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Thomas H. Kean and Lee H. Hamilton, former Chair and Vice Chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9-11 Commission) today released the following statement:

We thank the President, the Congressional leaders, and the four lead conferees – Senators Collins and Lieberman, and Reps. Hoekstra and Harman – for their efforts in support of legislation to enact the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

We are heartened by the Speaker's statement that he will continue his efforts to complete the conference report.

The structure of the Intelligence Community has not changed since 9/11. The Commission believes the status quo is unacceptable.

This legislation is necessary to make the American people safer and more secure. We believe it must be enacted before the 108th Congress adjourns.

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