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## **King Announces Subcommittee Ranking Members for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress**

**Washington, D.C. (Wednesday, February 4, 2009)**—Today, U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, announced the Subcommittee Ranking Member assignments for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

“I look forward to working with each of our Ranking Members over the next two years to ensure the continuing security of our nation,” King said. “Each Member understands the seriousness of the task at hand—guiding the Department of Homeland Security through this critical time of transition and crafting the policy that will keep this country free from terrorist attack. There is no issue more important and no group of people better able to handle these tough policy debates in the coming years.”

King announced that the Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee Ranking Members are: Mark Souder (R-IN), Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism; Charlie Dent (R-PA), Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection; Mike Rogers (R-AL), Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response; Michael McCaul (R-TX), Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment; Dan Lungren (R-CA), Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Science and Technology; and Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight.

“As a Committee I hope we can get to work quickly,” King said. “I am anxious to partner with Chairman Thompson on a number of important initiatives this year, including the DHS Authorization bill, supporting state and local law enforcement agencies, and emphasizing the role of Intelligence within the Department. There is a lot that needs to be done; it should be a busy two years.”

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