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## **Ruppersberger Released the Following Statement on the Death of Anwar al-Awlaki**

**(Washington, DC) – Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)**, Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement on the death of Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen.

“This is a great day for America. This is the second biggest blow to Al-Qaeda since September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, right behind the elimination of Osama Bin Laden. Anwar al-Awlaki was an extremely dangerous, charismatic leader who actively recruited and inspired people to murder innocent Americans using hate-filled media messages.

Al-Awlaki was behind several high-profile attacks including the failed attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound plane on Christmas Day in 2009 and U.S. bound cargo planes in 2010. Al-Awlaki has now been removed from the battlefield. This is a major accomplishment.

I applaud our intelligence professionals who work tirelessly, around the clock and around the world, to keep us safe. Al-Qaeda should be on notice. If you come after Americans and try to kill us, we will come after you and bring you to justice.”

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