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Dear Pete:

Like you, I was greatly concerned with the notification the Committee received on June 24, 2009, from Director Panetta. This, along with another recent notification, has brought to light significant information on the inadequacy of reporting to the Committee. These notifications have led me to conclude that this Committee has been misled, has not been provided full and complete notifications, and (in at least one case) was affirmatively lied to.

As you know, I have begun to take steps to gather information on the recent notification. This may well lead to a full committee investigation. I believe that you share my concern, and I look forward to working on this issue with you.

That said, as we go to the floor, I hope that we can focus on the merits of the legislation before the House. I hope we can avoid questions of who knew what and when. I understand that there are political issues that must be aired, but I believe that the men and women of the intelligence community deserve an authorization bill. I hope you'll join me in working toward that end.

Sincerely,


Silvestre Reyes
Chairman

cc: Speaker Pelosi
Minority Leader Boehner