

Opening Statement
of
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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

U.S. House of Representatives

Hearing on
“Statutory Requirements for Congressional Notifications of Intelligence Activities.”

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Good morning, and thank you for inviting me to be here today.

My name is David Munson, and I have come to Washington today from Standish, Michigan. Today’s hearing is about notifications of intelligence activities to Congress, and I wanted to testify about the problems that we are experiencing in Standish because Members of Congress cannot get basic information about the government’s plans to bring Guantanamo detainees – dangerous, trained terrorists – to my community.

For people in Standish, this is not an academic exercise or a paper. It is about the future of our town. We have been trying to get information from the Department of Defense since June, and have repeatedly held community meetings to ask for full transparency, both directly and through our Congressmen:

- 6/5 Michigan Bureau of Prisons makes announcement
Lansing, Michigan
- 6/12 Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church Rally
In Standish, Michigan
- 7/10 MI Bureau at prison holds Meeting for Area Officials
At Standish Maximum Correctional Facility, Standish,
Michigan
- 8/7 Representative Bart Stupak holds Meeting in Standish
Michigan
- 8/12 Michigan Department of Corrections holds Hearings
In Lansing, Michigan
- 8/20 Informational Town Hall meeting to discuss “GITMO”
Detainee Issue

10/12 Coalition to Stop Gitmo North holds Town Hall meeting
at Rochester High School, Rochester, Michigan

10/13 Coalition to Stop Gitmo North holds Legislative Briefing
In Lansing at Capital Building

10/13 Coalition to Stop Gitmo North holds Town Hall style
Meeting in Okemos at Kinawa Middle School

10/15 City Council “No Quorum” meeting

10/19 Special City Council Meeting

In all of these meetings, the people of Standish have clearly expressed the need to have more information. We still don't have it.