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Washington, DC - Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement tonight after voting in favor of legislation that reauthorizes three key provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act that were set to expire. The legislation passed the House of Representatives on a vote of 250 to 153.

"If a roving wiretap is good enough for Tony Soprano, it's good enough for Mohamed Atta," said King. "That's the real issue because the provisions of the PATRIOT Act that were reauthorized today simply allow counterterrorism agents to use the same investigative techniques that law enforcement agents have been using against criminal suspects for decades. These techniques have consistently been found to be constitutional, and they provide counterterrorism agents with the ability to level the playing field against terror suspects. The PATRIOT Act is an important component of America's War on Terror, and Congress was correct to reauthorize the use of these common sense investigative techniques."

The three counterterrorism tools that Congressman King voted to reauthorize are:

- Allowing counterterrorism agents armed with a court order to use "roving wiretaps" to conduct surveillance of terrorist suspects who are shown to be an agent of a foreign power.
- Enabling FBI agents who have received a judge's approval to gain access to business records in foreign intelligence, international terrorism and espionage cases.
- Allowing counterterrorism agents to apply for a court order permitting them to monitor a "lone wolf" whom they suspect of being a member of a foreign terrorist organization. The "lone wolf" provision can only be used to investigate international terrorism and cannot be applied to American citizens.

## King Votes to Reauthorize Key Counterterrorism Tools

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Congressman King has also authored an op-ed on the importance of renewing these PATRIOT Act provisions. The op-ed, "Patriot Act Fits Tea Party Standards," can be viewed at this [link](#).

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