

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jeff Fortenberry made the following statement after the release of an independent report investigating the September 11, 2012, attack on a U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya:

"The report confirms what we suspected. The reasons are complex, but essentially, the killing of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans was the result of lax security at our diplomatic post, and I might add, the Department of State's worldview that minimized the danger.

"The initial video narrative explaining the attack was grossly inadequate. This was a coordinated terrorist attack. We can hope in good will, but our world is dangerous. American diplomacy must be backed by strong security measures to keep our citizens safe."

An unclassified summary of the Accountability Review Board's report on the Benghazi attacks can be found on the Department of State's website [here](#).

Fortenberry is the Vice-Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and a member of the House Democracy Partnership.

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