

## Castle: Bill Will Help Prevent "Homegrown" Terrorism from Developing in the U.S. -- October 23, 2007

Washington, DC

-- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle today voted in favor of H.R. 1955, the Violent

Radicalization & Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act. This bill takes several steps intended to prevent violent radicalization, homegrown terrorism, and ideologically based violence in the U.S., which Rep. Castle believes is essential to ensuring terror cells do not develop in the U.S.

"There has been a growing concern both here at home and internationally about 'homegrown' terrorism. In recent years, U.S. law enforcement officials have blocked various terror plots, such as the alleged plot against Fort Dix in New Jersey that was uncovered in May. In the course of improving our security it is critical that we remain vigilant and this legislation takes steps to better understand the causes of homegrown terrorism and to draw from lessons learned in other countries," Castle said.

Specifically,  
H.R. 1955 will:

- Create a National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism;
- Require the establishment of center of excellence at a U.S. university to study the roots of violent radicalization and homegrown terrorism;
- Direct a survey of methodologies used in other countries for combating homegrown terrorism; and
- Stipulate that efforts to combat homegrown terrorism and violent radicalization cannot violate constitutional rights, civil rights, or civil liberties.

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