



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

GTMO DETAINEES –NOT HERE, NOT NOW AND NOT EVER!

One of the most dangerous proposals from the Obama administration is the transfer of the Guantanamo(GTMO) detainees currently held in Cuba to the United States for trials, detention and release. The President is so determined to transfer the detainees to the United States he has included money in the Justice Department budget for 2011 to buy and prepare a prison to house the world's most dangerous terrorist.

My concern is the transfer of the terrorist to SuperMax-ADX in Florence. While there are ongoing discussions regarding their ultimate location, I have concerns that Colorado may be on the target list. My concerns are a result from the following;

- January 2009, Governor Ritter said he would not oppose the transfer of the GTMO detainees to Colorado;
- Colorado has a vacant maximum security prison in Florence that could be sold to the Federal Bureau of Prisons and easily updated to house prisoners from Supermax;
- Denver is home to the U.S. District Court that has a history of controversial trials(Timothy McVeith).
- The Federal Government has individuals in the state of Colorado working on options for the detainees;

Florence is within one hour of HD19, home to Fort Carson, Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases. Hundreds of soldiers from Fort Carson have died as a result of their activities. It is evident President Obama is pandering to the international community instead of protecting the citizens of the United States. The terrorists detained in GTMO have allies around the world and pose ongoing and indefinite threats to the people of Colorado and the United States. If the terrorists are transferred to Colorado we will subject to the unwanted scrutiny of other countries and possible attacks from terrorist organizations around the world.

To prevent the transfer, detaining and trying of these terrorists from GTMO, I am sponsoring HB10-1294, a bill that prohibits the sale or lease of any Colorado properties and resources for the detention and trying of the GTMO terrorists. It also directs the Colorado State Attorney General's office to oppose any transfer of the detainees to Colorado. HB10-1294 clearly states we are excising our 10th amendment right that reserves states rights not expressly granted to the federal government. The Obama Administration should be sent a message that Colorado does not want the GTMO detainees now or ever! Help me protect our states 10th amendment right by supporting HB10-1294! For additional information contact me marshaloooper@gmail.com. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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