

Congressman Keating issues statement on release of Nunes memo

Below is a statement from Congressman Bill Keating, a senior Member of the Homeland Security Committee and Ranking Member of the Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee, on today's release of House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes's memo.

"I've had the opportunity to review both the Nunes memo released today and the memo put together by the House Intelligence Committee Democrats. Having read both, the only reason to release this memo is to undermine the work of Special Counsel Robert Mueller and/or to attempt to justify firing him or other Department of Justice officials. Special Counsel Mueller's investigation into the Russian attack on our country, including possible involvement by the Trump Campaign, must continue unimpeded.

"There is bipartisan concern regarding what FBI Director Christopher Wray called 'material omissions of fact that fundamentally impact the memo's accuracy.' Wray was appointed by President Trump, as was Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd – all of whom opposed releasing this memo. If there is a conspiracy against Republicans and this Administration, as President Trump wants everyone to believe, then it is being led by his own appointees."