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Washington D.C. – Congressman Duncan Hunter, a member of the House Armed Services Committee and veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, made the following statement following House-passage of the latest continuing resolution and troop funding bill:

“It’s frustrating that we are even at this point,” said Congressman Hunter. “But, with the funding measure passed today, House Republicans have provided the President and Senate Democrats yet another opportunity to achieve real cost-savings on behalf of taxpayers and ensure our military and its families are no longer concerned with the threat of not getting a paycheck in the event of a government shutdown. The simple notion that the President would threaten a veto of this bill shows that, when it comes to politics, any respect or concern for those who are carrying the security burden for America runs thin. What a disservice to our military men and women.”

Also, an analysis by the Congressional Research Service, requested by Congressman Hunter, indicates that as many as 100,000 defense-related jobs would be lost if the defense spending bill passed today is not signed into law. Hunter continues to call on the President and Senate Democrats to accept a defense spending bill that preserves defense jobs in a recovering economy and ensures the U.S. military can stay focused on holding victory in Iraq and winning in Afghanistan.