WASHINGTON D.C. – Rep. Darrell Issa (CA-49), the Ranking Member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Released the following statement on President Obama's surge strategy for Afghanistan:

"President Obama unveiled a strategy this evening that gives our commanders on the ground only some of the troops and resources they have indicated are needed to complete the mission in Afghanistan. More importantly, his insistence on a timetable for leaving Afghanistan before his plan has even begun casts serious doubt about his commitment to a successful mission. The President simply cannot be an effective Commander-in-Chief while simultaneously altering the requests of military leaders to appease his political base and faulting the previous Administration for every important decision he has to make.

"The desire to end the war as quickly as possible must not be placed ahead of the reason we went into Afghanistan in the first place: to deny terrorists a safe haven to train and launch attacks against American civilians."

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