

Filner Issues Statement On Anniversary Of 9/11.

Congressman Bob Filner issued the following statement on the 10th anniversary of the attack on our country on September 11, 2001:

“Ten years ago we stood in shock as we watched the most heinous attack on our country since Pearl Harbor. Suddenly, in a moment, our country was changed forever.

“We have grown as a country under this new reality and we have come a long way. We have learned not to blame one religion, but those who would distort that religion as an excuse to terrorize us. We learned that by coming together as a country, we could lean on each other for support. We learned how to be ever vigilant in rooting out terrorism in all of its forms.

“We cannot forget that day, but we also cannot forget what we have given up in the name of that day that has only served to compound our grief. We went to war in Iraq against an enemy with no connection to the attacks, we gave up freedoms that only served to divert attention away from the terrorists to law abiding American citizens and we gave the government the authority to take away our civil rights.

“To the heroes who so selflessly rushed to the rescue, your efforts will never be forgotten. My thoughts go out to the family and friends who lost loved ones on that day and in the days following. Your fellow Americans mourn with you as we remember September 11, 2001.”