

(November 8, 2006) Lipinski's Statement on Resignation of Secretary Rumsfeld

Lipinski responds to Defense Secretary Rumsfeld's Resignation

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Lipinski issued the following statement in response to the announcement that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would be stepping down.

"Donald Rumsfeld's resignation provides a new opportunity for our country to reevaluate our strategies in Iraq and in the War on Terror. Hopefully, this change in leadership at the top of the line of command will create new ideas and greater policy flexibility within the Administration.

As the recent election results show, the war in Iraq is a pressing issue for many Americans, demanding new ideas if our troops are to leave a stable, peaceful Iraq. This resignation, coupled with the new Democratic majorities in Congress and the pending release of the Baker Commission's report on alternative strategies in Iraq, provide new hope that our nation can develop effective solutions to the conflict in Iraq and that we can bring our troops home soon."