HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: June 8, 2016

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Bennett, John;

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Radical Islam, Shariah Law, the Muslim Brotherhood, and the radicalization process

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

This will be a study of the current threat posed by radical Islam and the effect that Shariah Law, the Muslim Brotherhood and jihadist indoctrination have in the radicalization process in Oklahoma and America.

Few people have forgotten the tragic beheading and attempted beheading in Moore, Oklahoma. In light of the previous terrorist attack at Ft. Hood and subsequent terrorist attack in San Bernadino, among others, there is a growing concern about the safety of Oklahoma citizens. The position of some in government that these terrorist attacks were merely "workplace violence" is an response that satisfies few. Further, with the potential threat of terrorists infiltrating America from the southern border and from undocumented refugees from foreign, war-torn countries, it is time for our leaders to understand radical Islam and how American citizens are being radicalized here in Oklahoma as well as the rest of America.

The goal of the Interim Study would be to solicit input from experts from around the country and concerned Oklahoma citizens to address several key issues. These issues include the nature and extent of the threat we face, an understanding of "radical Islam," the process of radicalizing young men and women here in America and the role that Shariah Law, the Muslim Brotherhood and jihadist indoctrination have in the radicalization process. In addition, potential solutions will be explored and public input solicited for possible legislation. Information will be collected and a video conference call is planned to solicit opinions from various parties around the country. At the conclusion of the Interim Study, a report will be issued prior to the next legislative session.

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