



## **Representative Michael McCaul Votes Against the Troops**

Despite the continued threat of terrorism and an increased strain on military families in this tough economy, today Representative Michael McCaul voted against funding for America's troops and their families.

“As Americans prepare to honor our fallen soldiers this Memorial Day, Representative Michael McCaul was in Washington voting against the bill to fund our troops on the battlefield,” said Ryan Rudominer, National Press Secretary of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. “It’s outrageous that Representative McCaul would talk about supporting the troops but then play politics by voting against the funding they need to keep the American people safe. Our men and women in uniform and their families deserve better.”

### Background

- The Defense Authorization for FY 2011 (H.R. 5136) authorizes \$726 billion for defense programs in FY 2011 [HR 5136, #336, 5/28/10].
- The measure includes \$159 billion in FY2011 to support operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the general war on terrorism.
  - o This includes authorizing \$33 billion in FY 2010 funds to support the surge of additional forces in Afghanistan and relief operations in Haiti.
- The legislation also calls for a 1.9 % pay increase for military personnel.

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